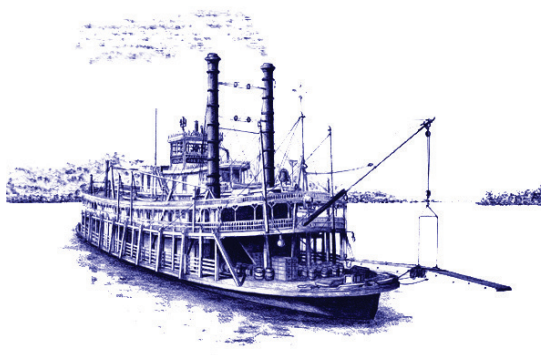
COURIER ONLINE • *Submit news photos • Write a letter to the editor • Send club or organization news* • www.madisoncourier.com



REBEL SWIMMERS WIN 6 EVENTS ON ORVC MEET
PAGE B1

THE MADISON COURIER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024 | *Serving the Courier area since 1837* | NEWSSTAND • $1.25

Results of YMCA feasibility study expected soon

BY BOB DEMAREE

The results of a feasibility study on the need and focus of a YMCA or wellness facility are still a week away as the consulting firm works to compile its findings.

There have been 500 residents of Jefferson County contacted by Triangle 2, the Nashville, Tennessee, firm that was hired by the non-profit Jefferson County Health Initiative (JeffCo) in varying ways that include email, phone and text, according to JeffCo member Carolyn Alcorn.

"They're asking the right people and asking enough people" in the work to get a thorough grasp of what a health facility should encompass for Jefferson County, said Alcorn. "This is for the community. This is a community project," she said, noting a facility would be for "kids, families and everyone to have a healthy lifestyle."

Alcorn said Triangle 2 still needs to finish reaching out to businesses in the county and other stakeholders before the feasibility study is completed, which is anticipated to be achieved by next week.

SEE **STUDY/PAGE A7**

911 Director Lawrence retires after 20 years

BY BOB DEMAREE

Susie Lawrence says the time has come for her to retire after more than seven years as director of the Jefferson County 911 dispatch. Her last day is Friday, Jan. 19.

"It's going to be kind of bittersweet," Lawrence said Wednesday, which was also her 65th birthday.

Lawrence was named 911 Director in August 2017 and served during a period when a number of improvements were implemented with the county's 911 communications including upgrades to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) that provides pertinent information to dispatchers and first responders, new radio equipment and improved county mapping information with more accurate details.

Most significantly was the move in 2020 to what is now the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center that was spearheaded by Morgan, the former Emergency Management Agency director who died in June of last year. "That was a great accomplishment," she said of the state-of-the-art facility for EMA and 911 dispatch. "Bless his heart, I miss him so bad. He and I made this building and set it up like we wanted it."

Lawrence's career as a dispatcher didn't begin until 2003 even though she had longed to become a dispatcher after graduating from Madison Consolidated High School in 1977. She said there were openings for dispatchers with the Indiana State Police in Sellersburg. "I tried for two years, and they kept telling me no, I didn't have any experience. I thought, how am I going to get experience if you don't want to train me," she said.

Bob Demaree

Jefferson County 911 Dispatch Director Susie Lawrence is retiring today after seven years as director and 20 years with the county dispatch.

So, instead of becoming a dispatcher, Lawrence went to work for Danner's 3D, a discount department store that was located in the building that now houses Big Lots on Madison's hilltop. She was assistant manager there before moving to management roles at Danner's stores in Jeffersonville and Jasper before coming back to Madison to work 16 years for Grote Manufacturing in data operations.

On April 15, 1998, Lawrence took a job in the county health department, and five years later that led to her finally getting her chance to become a dispatcher when she heard about a job opening. Lawrence, one of four interviewing for the job, was offered the position and told to give her answer by Monday.

Even though it was the job she always wanted, Lawrence was a bit nervous about accepting. She turned to her father, former Madison Police Chief Gene Lawrence, for advice and he told her, "You set your mind to what you can do, and you can do it."

SEE **911/PAGE A7**

Mundt promoted to assistant chief of MPD

Perkins to retire

Rick Mundt, a 28-year veteran of the Madison Police Department, has been named Assistant Police Chief, replacing the soon to retire Jeremey Perkins.

Rick Mundt
Madison Police Department assistant chief

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Tuesday that Mundt's appointment was effective that day but that Perkins will remain with MPD through the end of February to assist in the transition after Police Chief Shawn Scudder took over the department following the retirement of John Wallace as Police Chief earlier this month.

Mundt said he has already begun training with Perkins, and anticipates a "smooth transition" with Perkins' willingness to extend his stay and share all that's he's been doing in his role as well as his wealth of experience. During his time with MPD, Perkins has held the positions of Patrol Captain, Detective, Assistant Chief and Police Chief.

Mundt is pleased to have the opportunity to utilize what he has learned in his career with MPD where he has served in various roles including K-9 handler, Crime Scene Investigator and most recently Patrol Captain. "My experience out in the street will be beneficial to us," said Mundt. "I held every rank here so I know and understand the roles. I think that's going to help us out, too."

A graduate of Southwestern High School, Mundt continued his education Ball State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology. He and his wife, Kristen, have three sons, Caleb, Christian and Cameron.

"I am looking forward to and excited about helping lead this department into its next chapter. We have a great bunch of officers at MPD, and I am glad that with my new position, I will be able to continue working closely with them," said Mundt.

SEE **MUNDT/PAGE A7**

Sheriff's Department now 100% operational in new facility

BY BOB DEMAREE

With the move of inmates to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center last Saturday, Sheriff Ben Flint said the facility is now 100% operational with all facets of the Sheriff's Department now based there.

Jefferson County Sheriff Ben Flint called the transition a "once in the lifetime moment" to be the one in the role of sheriff when relocating "to a facility like the one that we're being provided."

Construction on the new jail began in the summer of 2021 and was initially anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2023 but work continued beyond that. Finally, permanent occupancy was turned over to the county last month and the Sheriff's Department moved its administrative offices into the new building in early December while the county's inmates remained in the downtown jail until Saturday when they were transported to the new facility at 1150 JA Berry Lane.

Flint said the move involving about 140 inmates took just 4-1/2 hours, and everything went smoothly.

"It's very nice having everyone in one place," said Flint, noting that prior to the inmates being moved he was making several trips back-and-forth daily during the month when the new jail and the downtown jail were both in use.

Flint, elected Jefferson County Sheriff in 2022, spent the first year of his term in the Jefferson County Jail facility in downtown Madison that was built between 1848 and 1850, making it one of the oldest functional jails in the state. The jail was expanded and renovated in 1973, and again in 2006 with a smaller expansion in 2012 including a redesign of the third floor but ultimately overcrowded conditions led to its replacement

Flint called the transition a "once in the lifetime moment" to be the one in the role of sheriff when relocating "to a facility like the one that we're being provided."

The new 300-bed, $45 million facility will have two classrooms that will provide rehabilitation opportunities that weren't possible at the downtown jail. There will be a training room that will provide a place for on-going education for law enforcement and the facility's design and technology decreases inmate and staff interaction.

"We're going from antiquated to state-of-the-art," Flint noted.

SEE **FACILITY/PAGE A7**

27 High | 6 Low

Details, Page A2

INSIDE

Records/**A2**
Sports/**B1-6, B8**
Classifieds/**B5**
Comics/**A4-5**

DEATHS, A3

Pamela Ball
Dina Holwager
Joyce LeMaster
Finley Mann
Virginia Partin
Barry Phillips
Carl Raisor
David Rohrer Sr.
Aloysious Sevier
Charles Stiver
Jack Yates

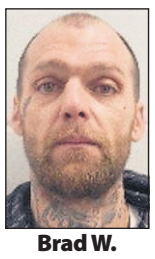
8 51633 00100 7

Madison police arrest 8 in 3 separate calls

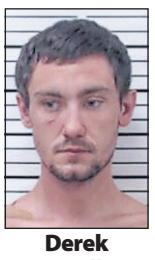
BY THE COURIER STAFF

Edward D. Meek

Scott M. Doty


Brad W. Parker

Emily N. Brierly


Derek Snell

Fern Blevins

Joanna Blevins

Dwayne Brown

A 24-year Madison man was arrested Sunday after reports were received of a man pointing a firearm at several individuals in a hilltop neighborhood.

Edward D. Meek has been charged with Criminal Recklessness committed with a deadly weapon and three counts of Pointing a Firearm at another person, all Level 6 felonies, and three counts of Battery, all Class B misdemeanors.

Madison Police Department responded to the call and determined that Meek was the alleged aggressor of a road-rage situation that ultimately led to the armed confrontation.

Meek was taken into custody at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center.

On Monday at approximately 5:30 p.m., Madison Police made three narcotics related arrests after traffic stop by Patrolman Jared Sweet in the 1100 block of West Main Street.

The driver of the vehicle, identified as Derek Patrick Paul Snell, 30, Madison, and passengers Scott Michael Doty, 44, and Brad William Parker, 40, both of Madison, and Emily Nicole Brierly, 30, Vevay, were all detained.

A probable cause search was conducted after the detection of a narcotics odor, and officers located methamphetamine, controlled substances, narcotics paraphernalia and syringes.

Snell was charged with Operating a Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a License and Possession of a Controlled Substance, both Class A misdemeanors. Brierly was charged with Unlawful Possession of Syringe, a Level 6 felony. Doty and Parker were both charged with Possession of Paraphernalia.

Sweet was assisted in the investigation by officers Curtis Shelpman, Graham Heffelfinger and Cody Lewis.

On Friday, Jan. 12, a 911 call was received concerning a possibly overdose in the 500 block of Walnut Street. The male subject was transported to Norton King's Daughters' Health for treatment.

A search warrant was obtained for the related residence, resulting in three individuals — Fern Michelle Blevins, 41; Joanna Marie Blevins, 40; and Dwayne Thomas Brown, 33, all of Madison— being arrested on narcotics-related charges. All three were charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and lodged in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS

January 15, 2024

Emily Nicole Brierly, 30, Vevay, Indiana, for Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $1,00 cash. Also being held on a 15-day hold. No bond.

Amy Michelle Smith, 43, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Theft, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

January 16, 2024

Alicia Anne Gonzalez, 31, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Bond $1,000 cash.

Shawn Robert Webster, 41, Henryville, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for Failure to Appear (drug and driving while suspended charges). Bond $1,000 cash.

Denise Underwood, 39, Madison, for Driving While Suspended-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

January 17, 2024

Kristy Marie Henschen, 42, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Legend Drug or Precursor, both Level 6 felonies; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

Cheryl Lorayne Howard, 45, Madison, on a Jefferson County Level 6 felony arrest warrant (probation violation drug charges). Bond $5,000 cash.

Robert Aaron Rowlett, 36, Milton, Kentucky, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Syringe, both Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

Bethany L. Stenger, 40, Madison, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

January 12, 2024

Rodney R. Johnson II, 54, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail, served, plus $239.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 30 days.

Daniel Ray Johnson, 29, Indianapolis, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 6 days jail, served, plus $239.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 30 days.

Robert William Lewis Gates, 51, Madison, for Public Intoxication-2 Counts, both Class B misdemeanors. Sentenced to 34 day jail, served, plus $239 in fees and court costs.

Charles Michael Miller, 54, for Operating a Vehicle Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 10 days jail, served, plus $239.50 in fees and court costs.

January 16, 2024

Michael R. Howell, 52, Worthville, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 10 days served and 535 days suspended to supervised probation plus $389.00 in fees and court costs.

Colin Lee Johns, 27, Hanover, for Domestic Battery-Prior Conviction, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with credit for 178 days served plus $339 in fees and court cost with No Contact Order to continue as a term of executed sentence.

Travis Lee Case, 30, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 360 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed with no credit for time served and consecutive to remaining sentence for parole violation plus $589 in fees and court costs.

Jerica Jewell Kenworthy, 26, no address, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine and Battery to A Public Safety Official, both Level 6 felonies; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on drug charge, all suspended, consecutive to 180 days jail on battery and resisting charges, concurrent and all executed with credit for 70 days served. Placed on supervised probation for 365 days plus $889 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

January 12, 2024

Jeffery B. Rampy and Kathleen M. Hosier-Rampy to Jared Sweet, 239 Sunrise Drive, Madison.

HCJ Enterprises Inc. to Brad Russell Keller, 5366 Linda Lane, Hanover.

Heidi Bellile to Terrance Joseph Madison and Kelly D. Madison, approximately 3.13 acres at 3104 North Spry Road, Deputy.

January 16, 2024

Carrington Mortgage Services LLC to Chicken Run LLC, 6283 West State Road 256, Madison.

Tammy Lynn Singleton to Pettit Properties LLC, 2685 Orchid Avenue, Madison.

Phillip Keith Denton to D. Wolf Enterprises LLC, 410 West Street, Madison.

Jennifer Rodgers to MJ Rodgers Properties LLC, 2.95 acres at 5701 South Saluda Road, Hanover.

Howard Vondissen, Barbara Vondissen, Steven Keith Vondissen and Ricky Ross Vondissen to Howard Vondissen, 1.86 acres at 4692 North State Road 3, Deputy.

Kerst Properties LLC to Madison House LLC, 315 East Street, Madison.

Donna L. McCue to Steven A. McCue, Donna L. McCue and James Smith Family Revocable Trust, 912+ West First Street, Madison.

Donald L. Phillips, Yolanda F. Phillips, Donald L. Phillips and Yolanda F. Phillips (trust) and Donald L. Phillips and Yolanda F. Phillips Family Trust to Nicholas A. Phillips and Dannielle N. Phillips, approximately 7 acres at 6607 West State Road 250, Madison.

Connie S. New to Michael L. New, 264 North Sycamore Drive, Hanover.

January 17, 2024

Jason Kidwell and David J. Kidwell (estate) to Cody Gatlin and Jessica Gatlin, approximately 12.25 acres at 257 North 1250 West, Deputy.

Standing By

Bob Demaree

Madison firefighters responded to a report of smoke at a residence in the 1900 block of Orchard Street Tuesday on Madison's hilltop. Luckily, the situation did not escalate and firefighters avoided havng to battle what would have been brutal conditions with wind and temperatures in the single digits.

THE MADISON COURIER

(USPS 325000)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

Published 2 days each week on Tuesday and Friday.

Periodical postage paid at Madison, IN and additional mailing offices.
Please send address changes to
The Madison Courier, 310 West St., Madison, IN 47250
812-265-3641

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
$60 a year • $35 for six months
$20 for three months • $8 for one month

NON-LOCAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES
$90 a year • $52.50 for six months
$30 for three months • $12 for one month

OFFICE HOURS
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

NEWS DEPARTMENT
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday

CLASSIFIED-ADVERTISING
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES
2:30 p.m. Friday for Tuesday issue
Noon Monday for Thursday issue
Noon Thursday for Saturday issue

VOL. 224 • ISSUE NO. 6

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:55 a.m.
Sunset: 5:49 p.m.
Temperature: High 32, Low 22, Mean 27, Deficit 3.2
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, January 2024: 3.17
Precipitation, 2024: 3.17
Barometer: 29.98, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 426.89, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 21/Low 6; Sunday: Mostly sunny High 29/Low 19; Monday Mostly cloudy High 43/Low 33; Tuesday: Rain High 44/Low 40.

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 3-20-26-29-37-42 (1/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: $3.2 million. Next Drawing (1/120).

Cash Five: 5-24-38-40-42 (1/17)

Cash 4 Life: 28-41-49-55-57 CB: 17 (1/18)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 10-11-12-25 CB 21 (1/17)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 26-31-33-34-37 (1/17)

Lucky For Life: 3-13-16-29-36 LB: 14 (1/17)

MEGAMILLIONS: 2-10-42-49-54 MB: 13, MP x2 (1/16). Next Jackpot: $236 million. Next Drawing (1/19)

POWERBALL: 18-22-43-61-65 PB: 2, PP 4 (1/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: $120 million. Next Drawing (1/20)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 14-38-51-534-55 PB: 25 (1/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (1/20)

Commissioner Bramer, Councilman Copeland to seek reelection

BY BOB DEMAREE

County Commissioner David Bramer and County Councilman Gary Copeland both filed papers to run for reelection Tuesday.

Bramer, a Republican first elected in 2016 as County Commissioner in the Lower District, will be seeking his third term. Copeland, a Republican who was initially elected in 2020 as County Council-at-Large, will be bidding for his second term.

One other new Jefferson County filing is Madison Mayor Bob Courtney for Republican convention delegate.

Previous Jefferson County filings include Meghan Hoskins for County Treasurer, Heather White for County Recorder and Joshua Webb for County Coroner — all Republicans. Also, David Carlow had previously filed for Republican convention delegate and Republican precinct committeeman in the third ward.

Meanwhile, District 66 State Rep. Zach Payne filed his candidacy for reelection on Tuesday. Indiana House of Representatives District 66 includes Hanover and Saluda townships in Jefferson County, and portions of Clark and Scott counties. Payne, of Charlestown, was first elected in 2020 when he defeated 20-year Democrat Terry Goodin.

In filing for reelection, Payne said, "I'm thrilled to announce my re-election bid for Indiana House District 66. Over two terms, I've proudly championed conservative values, including constitutional carry, school choice, protecting life, and slashing taxes. I'm dedicated to representing values we hold dear in our community."

Last week, Alex Zimmerman, of North Vernon, filed his Republican candidacy for House District 67, which includes seven of the 10 townships in Jefferson County, and portions of Jennings, Ripley and Decatur counties.

Garrett Bascom also filed his Republican candidacy for House District 68 last week, which includes Milton Township in Jefferson County along with Switzerland, Dearborn and Ohio counties.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

JANUARY 19
Matt Chandler
Scott Tebbe

JANUARY 20
Pete Backus

JANUARY 21
Ashley Schutte

JANUARY 22
Steven David
Randy Wilson

JANUARY 23
Terry Rowlett

JANUARY 24
Regina Mumphrey

JANUARY 25
Frederica Congleton
Jeffery Jenkins
Pat Lanman

OBITUARIES

Carl 'Wes' Wesley Raisor

Carl "Wes" Wesley Raisor, age 70, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on December 12, 1953 in El Paso, Texas. He was the loving son of the late Lawrence Robert and Nancy Paige Richmond Raisor. He resided most all of his life in Jefferson County and was a 1972 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School. He then attended Purdue University for two years. He was a farmer all of his life and had worked construction. He had been a member of the Carpenters Union and had worked a lot for Teton Corporation. Wes was a member of the Wirt Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, gardening, and enjoyed socializing at the Hanover -McDonalds Coffee Club. Wes died on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:28 p.m. at the Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana.

Wes will be missed by his loving brothers, Tom Raisor of Madison, IN, John Raisor of Seymour, IN; his loving sisters, Laura Raisor Gardner and her husband, Jayson of Franklin, IN, Mary Raisor King and her husband, Dan of Danville, KY; his nieces and his nephews, Katie Raisor McClure (Matthew), Becky Raisor Oliphant (Brian), Bryan King (Amanda), Rachel King, Kyle Gardner (Danielle), Sean Gardner (Yanisha), and Mick Gardner; his great nieces and great nephews, Zander Vonch, Lucas Gardner, Hayden Gardner, Eli Gardner, Wesley Gardner, Ares Gardner, Erik Oliphant, and Laura Alice Raisor; his cousins, James Robert Adams, Karen Sue Adams Bentz, and Brian Adams; his close extended family, Chad Madden and Israel Madden; and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Robert Raisor; his mother, Nancy Paige Richmond Raisor; his nephew, Bradley Thomas Raisor; his grandparents, Lawrence Wesley Raisor, and Ethel Raisor, lCarl H. Richmond, and Blance M. Shelton Richmond, and his cousin, Anita L. Adams.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 19, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Troy Hedges at the Wirt Baptist Church near Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Olive Branch Cemetery near Madison, Indiana.

Friends could visit Thursday from 4 — 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana and Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Wirt Baptist Church near Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Olive Branch Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Dina Ione Cleffman Holwager

Dina Ione Cleffman Holwager, age 79, of Brunswick, Georgia formerly of Chelsea, Indiana entered this life on November 15, 1944, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Cleatis Norris Cleffman and Hildreth Ione Jackson Cleffman. Dina died on Monday, January 8, 2024, at the Hospice of Golden Isles in Brunswick, Georgia.

Dina will be missed by her loving of 19 years, Robert Holwager of Brunswick, GA; her step son, Bobby Wayne Holwager and his wife, Bev; her sister, Linda Cleffman of Chelsea, IN; her brothers, John N. Cleffman of Jacksonville, AR, Donald R. Cleffman of Chelsea, IN; two nieces, five-step grandchildren; an Aunt and Uncle, cousins, in-laws, and friends . She was preceded in death by her father, Cleatis Norris Cleffman; her mother, Hildreth Ione Jackson Cleffman; her maternal grandparents, Andrew and Freda Jackson, and her paternal grandparents, John and Flora Cleffman.

Cremation was chosen with no services to be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Charles 'Charlie' Raymond Stiver

Charles "Charlie Raymond Stiver, age 76, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on January 10, 1948 in Columbus, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late Norma J. Stiver Dahlem. Charlie died on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 5:47 a.m. at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehab Center in Vevay, Indiana.

Charlie will be missed by his loving wife of 53 years, Donna Sue Strasemeier Stiver of Madison, IN; his loving son, Charles Edward Stiver and his companion, Michelle Waganaar of Lexington, IN; his loving daughter, Anna Jean Richards and her husband, Zachary of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Shelbie, Caden, Larisa, Charlotte, and Caroline; his great-grandson, Uriah; his half-sisters, Sue Briggs and her husband, Dennis of Bennington, IN, Betty Dahlem of Madison, IN; his half-brothers, John Dahlem of Madison, IN, James Dahlem of Madison, IN; his nephews, Guthrie Briggs and his wife, Lisa of FL, Tanner Briggs and his wife, Tara of North Vernon, IN; his nieces, Wendy Merrick and her husband, David of Knoxville, TN, Jennifer Strasemeier of Manteno, IL; his brother in law, Roger Strasemeier and his wife, Janet of South Chicago; numerous cousins and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma Jean Stiver Dahlem; his half-brother, Donald Dahlem; his maternal grandparents, who raised him, John Virgil Stiver, and Anna Lynn Ryker Stiver.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Mike Straub at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Rykers Ridge New Cemetery near Madison, Indiana

Friends may visit Saturday, January 20, 2024 from 5 — 7 p.m. and Sunday, from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Rykers Ridge Fire Department will conduct a firemans service on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ or the Rykers Ridge Fire Department. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Aloysious 'Pee Wee' Sevier

Aloysious "Pee Wee" Sevier, age 91, of Louisville, Kentucky formerly of Madison and Deputy entered this life on December 10, 1932 in Jeffersontown, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Herman E., Sr. and Isabell Margaret Schureck Sevier. Aloysious died on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 4:47 p.m. at the Glen Ridge Health Campus in Louisville, Kentucky.

Aloysious will be missed by his son, Allen G. Manning of Madison, IN; his daughters, Valerie Sevier of Kokomo, IN, Janis Sevier Guinchigliani and her husband, Tony of Louisville, KY; his grandchildren, Jaime Lewis (Joe) and Nicholas Sanders (Alejandro); his great grandchildren, Kate and Seth Lewis; his brother, Lawrence J. "Shorty " Sevier of Deputy, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Herman E. Sevier, Sr.; his mother, Isabell Margaret Schureck Sevier Dunaway Algeier; his brothers, Charles Edward Sevier, Herman E. Sevier, Jr., and Vernie L. "Joe" Sevier; his sister, Mary E. Sevier, and his wife, Sharon L. Sevier, died on December 23, 2003.

A final salute with military honors will be conducted Friday, January 19, 2024, at 2 p.m., by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Friday from 1:30 p.m. at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Pamela Dean Boyer Ball, 76, of La Grange, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Memorial service is at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Campbellsburg Christian Church in Campbellsburg, KY, with a reception and greeting time to follow in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Joyce Faye Butler LeMaster, 79, of Osgood, IN, died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at her home in Osgood. Funeral service is 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Benham United Methodist Church in Benham, IN, with interment at a later date in the Grandview Memorial Gardens near Madison. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Finley Edwin Lee Mann, of Madison, IN, diedSaturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital in Louisville. His expected birth date was to be April 4, 2024. Private services will be conducted at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Virginia "Betty" May Brooks Partin, 93, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, in Fort Thomas, KY. A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the English Christian Church in Carrollton, KY. Arrangments by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Barry Lynn Phillips, 67, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

David Allen "Dave" Rohrer Sr., 75, of Lawrenceburg, IN, and formerly of Cincinnati, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at his home in Lawrenceburg. Arrangements will be announced by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Jack Lloyd Yates, 74, of Perry Park, KY, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Salvation Army $50K below goal with Jan. 31 deadline approaching

BY BOB DEMAREE

With less than two weeks left in its annual fundraising drive, the Salvation Army of Jefferson County is almost $50,000 short of the organization's $172,000 goal for the Christmas season.

Most recent calculations put the fundraising total at $124,744, which is 74.2% of the goal that needs to be achieved by Jan. 31.

Captain Janelle Cleaveland, the chief administrator for the Madison Salvation Army, said giving to the Red Kettle drive was $39,000 this past Christmas season, which is an increase from 2022 when collections were less than $35,000.

She said last year $152,000 was raised over the Christmas season, and the Salvation Army was able to maintain all of its programs in Madison and Jefferson County but "costs have gone up and the need has gone up," resulting in the higher goal for this year.

Monies raised during the Christmas season go to help fund the Salvation Army year around. If the organization doesn't collect enough money by the end of January to meet the goal, it will have to evaluate what programs might need to be cut, Cleaveland said. "I pray that doesn't happen" because all programs are designed to help people in need.

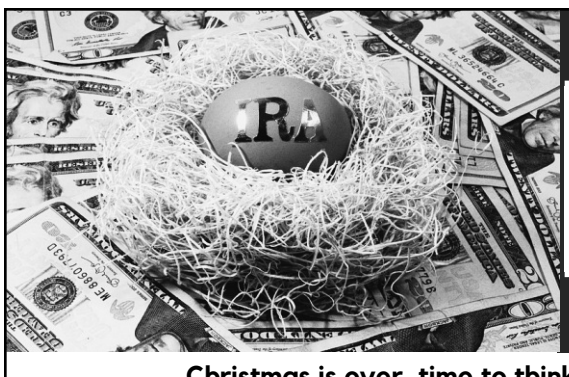
Considerations for cutbacks include the number of meals provided to those who are food challenged, hours of operation and staffing. "If we do not meet our goal we will have to make some hard decisions on how to use the financial resources we have in the best way possible for the most people. We are asking the community to donate the funds we need to run our programs and ministries all year long such as our emergency winter shelter, dental clinic, feeding program, emergency assistance and youth development programs," she said.

One program that won't be impacted this year is the winter shelter in which there's a memorandum of understanding with the city of Madison to be open at the Salvation Army when temperatures below 32 degrees are forecast by 5 p.m. for that evening. Still, she said that if the Salvation Army has less funding that it could result in changes to the memorandum of understanding and that could decrease what can be provided in the way of a winter shelter next winter.

Donations can be brought or mailed to the Salvation Army, 331 East Main St., Madison, Indiana, 47250, or pledged through the Madison Salvation Army website at samadison.org.

"All monies go to the Salvation Army of Madison and Jefferson County," said Cleaveland. "All monies stay in Madison and Jefferson County, and don't go anywhere else" — all helping local people.

"We are very thankful to the community" for the support that has already been given to the Salvation Army's work — "all those who have rang bells, who have donated and have helped thus far," she said.



Farmers Bank of Milton

Christmas is over, time to think about your taxes.
It's not too late to make your maximum allowed Individual Retirement Account contribution. When you do, you can deduct the contribution from your reportable income and delay paying taxes until you are in a lower tax bracket. PLUS when you retire, you'll have accumulated a nice little nest-egg for your golden years.

Locally owned and operated since 1902
Milton—Carrollton—LaGrange
Crestwood—Madison, IN
800-826-5766
fbmilton.com
--A better place to bank--

Member FDIC · EQUAL HOUSING LENDER · STAR

TV commercials advertise only the fluff when it comes to insurance.

What we want to know is how will my insurance do when the BIG ONE happens?

We invite you to call us to get a free no obligation review of your Medicare plan.

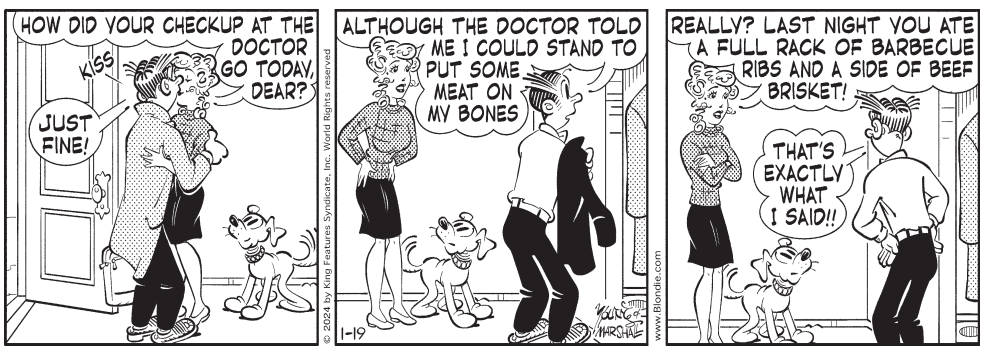
KASPER INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT SERVICES
YOUR FRIENDLY AGENTS

220 Clifty Drive, Suite C, Madison 812-273-1187

BEETLE BAILEY

WHERE DID YOU GO?
I TOOK A WALK TO CLEAR MY HEAD
IS IT CLEAR NOW?!
VERY
GREG + MORT WALKER
1/19
©2024 Comicana, Inc. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

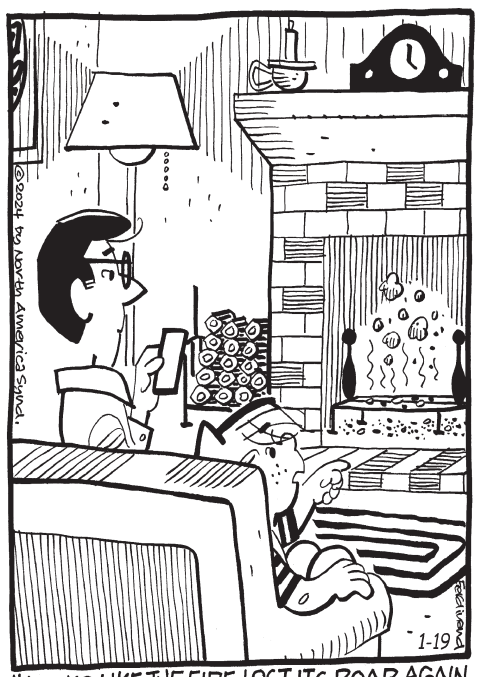
BLONDIE


HOW DID YOUR CHECKUP AT THE DOCTOR GO TODAY, DEAR?
KISS
JUST FINE!
ALTHOUGH THE DOCTOR TOLD ME I COULD STAND TO PUT SOME MEAT ON MY BONES
1-19
REALLY? LAST NIGHT YOU ATE A FULL RACK OF BARBECUE RIBS AND A SIDE OF BEEF BRISKET!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I SAID!!
© 2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World Rights reserved
www.Blondie.com

FAMILY CIRCUS

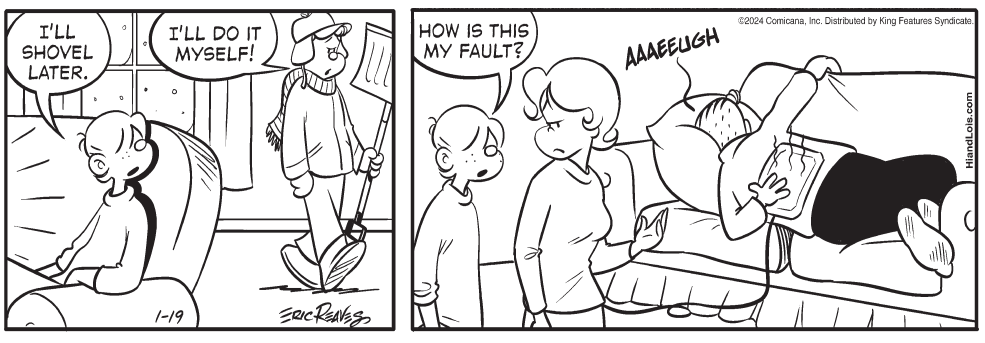
"Why do you hafta use Oil of Old Lady?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

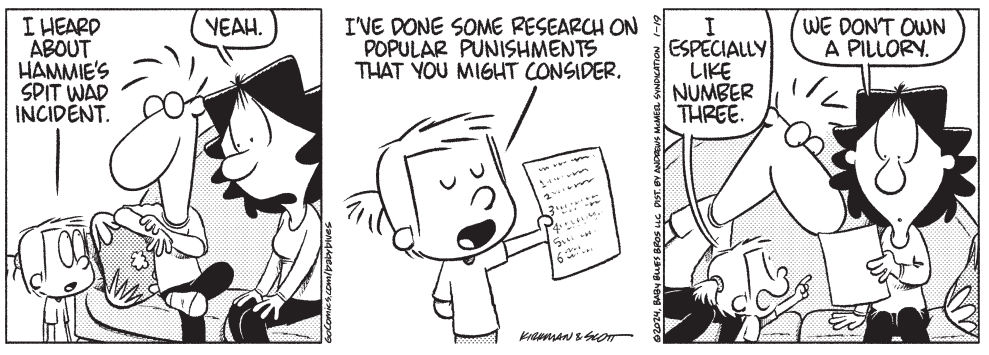


"LOOKS LIKE THE FIRE LOST ITS ROAR AGAIN. I THINK IT'S FEEDIN' TIME."

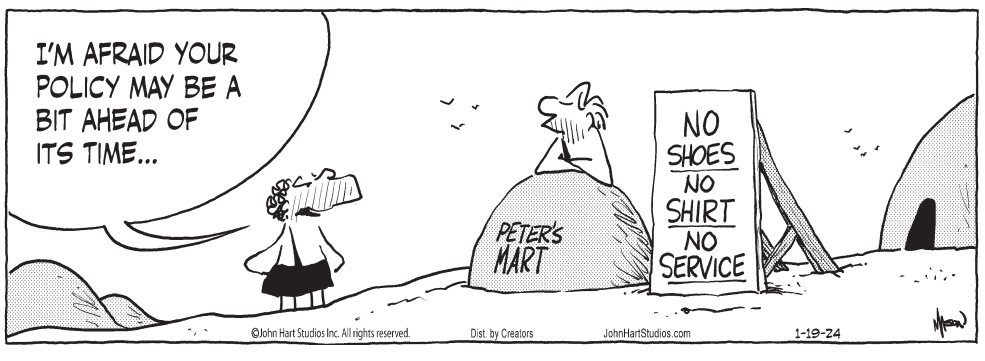
HI & LOIS



BABY BLUES


I HEARD ABOUT HAMMIE'S SPIT WAD INCIDENT.
YEAH.
©GoComics.com/babyblues
I'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH ON POPULAR PUNISHMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT CONSIDER.
KIRKMAN & SCOTT
I ESPECIALLY LIKE NUMBER THREE.
WE DON'T OWN A PILLORY.
©2024 BABY BLUES BROS LLC. DIST BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION 1-19

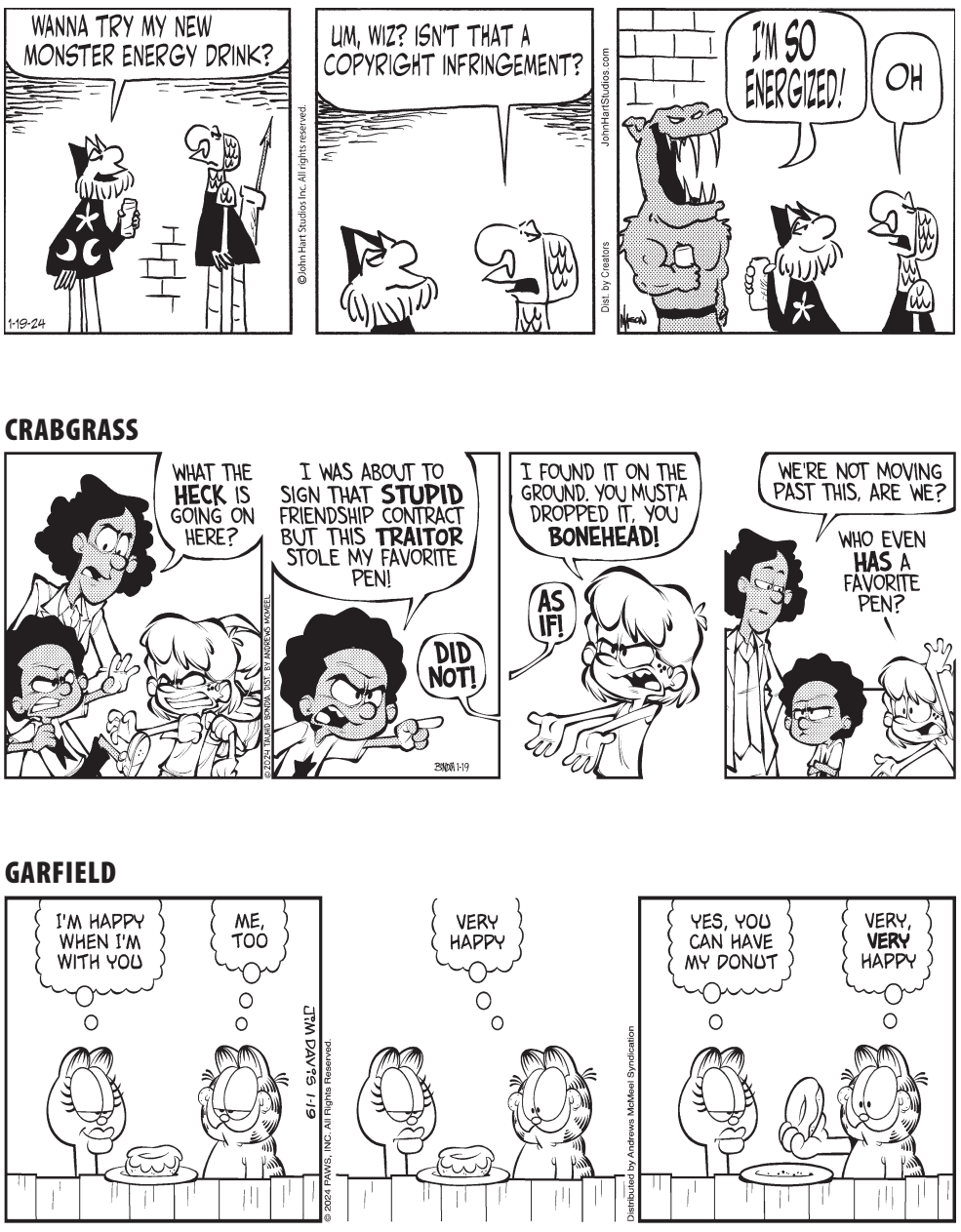
BC


I'M AFRAID YOUR POLICY MAY BE A BIT AHEAD OF ITS TIME...
PETER'S MART
NO SHOES NO SHIRT NO SERVICE
©John Hart Studios Inc. All rights reserved.
Dist. by Creators
JohnHartStudios.com
1-19-24

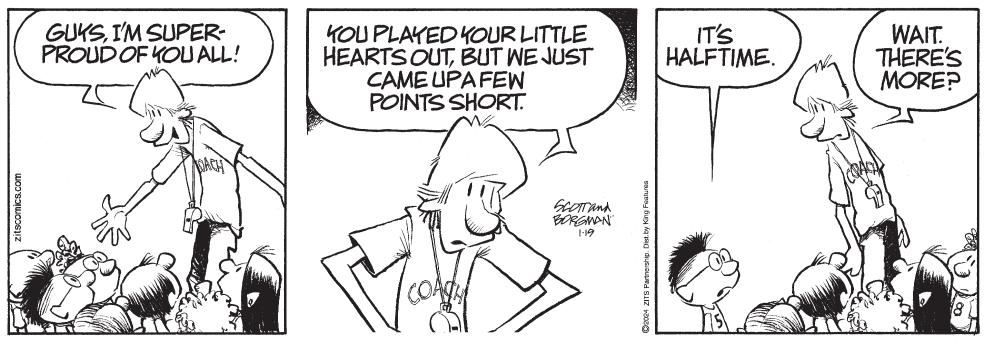
CURTIS

UM, AHEM, GENTLEMEN...
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME, PLEASE
SCHOOL DANCE
1-19
I POLITELY ASK THAT YOU STOP RIPPIN' ON CURTIS WILKINS' MOTHER
BUNKLEY
OR WHAT, PUDGIE?
YEAH, LARD-BUTT! WHAT??
©2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

WIZARD OF ID



ZITS


GUYS, I'M SUPER-PROUD OF YOU ALL!
COACH
ziteomics.com
YOU PLAYED YOUR LITTLE HEARTS OUT, BUT WE JUST CAME UP A FEW POINTS SHORT.
SCOTT & BERGMAN 1-19
IT'S HALFTIME.
WAIT. THERE'S MORE?
©2024 ZITS Partnership. Dist by King Features.

CRABGRASS

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE?
I WAS ABOUT TO SIGN THAT STUPID FRIENDSHIP CONTRACT BUT THIS TRAITOR STOLE MY FAVORITE PEN!
DID NOT!
© 2024 LAUREN CRABGRASS DIST BY ANDREWS MCMEEL
I FOUND IT ON THE GROUND. YOU MUST'A DROPPED IT, YOU BONEHEAD!
AS IF!
WE'RE NOT MOVING PAST THIS, ARE WE?
WHO EVEN HAS A FAVORITE PEN?

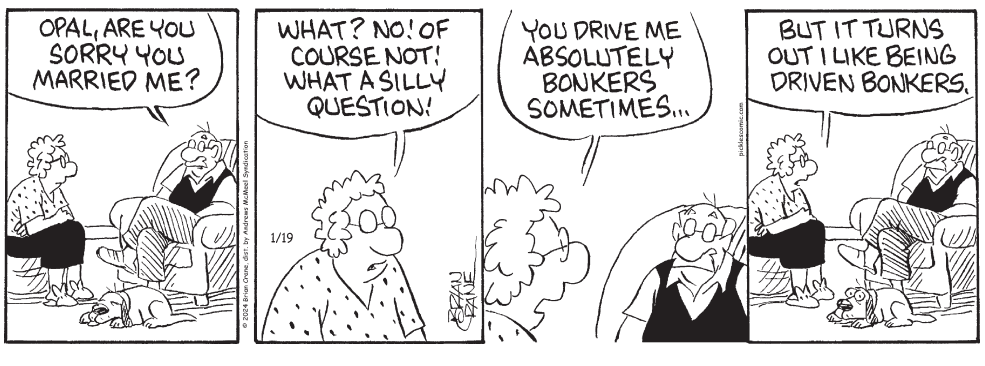
GARFIELD

I'M HAPPY WHEN I'M WITH YOU
ME, TOO
JIM DAVIS 1-19
© 2024 PAWS, INC. All Rights Reserved.
VERY HAPPY
YES, YOU CAN HAVE MY DONUT
VERY, VERY HAPPY
Distributed by Andrews McMeel Syndication

FORT KNOX

I HEAR YOU HAVE A PR DISASTER ON YOUR HANDS, GENERAL?
YOU MEAN PEOPLE THINKING I'M A CHEAPSKATE?
www.facebook.com/fortknoxcomic
© 2024 Paul Jon, Dist. by Washington Post Writers Group
YES, AND I'M HERE TO HELP YOU FIX THAT.
HOW?
1/19
BY ADVISING YOU TO SPEND AS MUCH AS YOU CAN ON THE ONES YOU LOVE.
IS THERE A CHEAPER WAY?

PICKLES


OPAL, ARE YOU SORRY YOU MARRIED ME?
© 2024 Brian Crane. Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication
WHAT? NO! OF COURSE NOT! WHAT A SILLY QUESTION!
1/19
YOU DRIVE ME ABSOLUTELY BONKERS SOMETIMES...
BUT IT TURNS OUT I LIKE BEING DRIVEN BONKERS.
picklescomic.com

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 19, 1953, CBS-TV aired the widely watched episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo, played by Lucille Ball, gave birth to Little Ricky. (By coincidence, Ball gave birth the same day to her son, Desi Arnaz Jr.)

On this date:

In 1853, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" premiered in Rome.

In 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo.

A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In 1944, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads to their owners following settlement of a wage dispute.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was chosen to be prime minister of India by the National Congress party.

In 1987, Guy Hunt became Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874 as he was sworn into office, succeeding George C. Wallace.

In 2005, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

In 2009, Russia and Ukraine signed a deal restoring natural gas shipments to Ukraine and paving the way for an end to the nearly two-week cutoff of most Russian gas to a freezing Europe.

In 2012, Rupert Murdoch's media empire apologized and agreed to cash payouts to 37 people who'd been harassed and phone-hacked by its tabloid press.

In 2013, death claimed baseball Hall-of-Famers Stan Musial at age 92 and Earl Weaver at age 82.

In 2018, Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman joined dozens of other women and girls in confronting her former doctor, Larry Nassar, at his sentencing hearing for multiple sexual assaults; she warned him that the testimony of the "powerful army" of survivors would haunt him in prison.

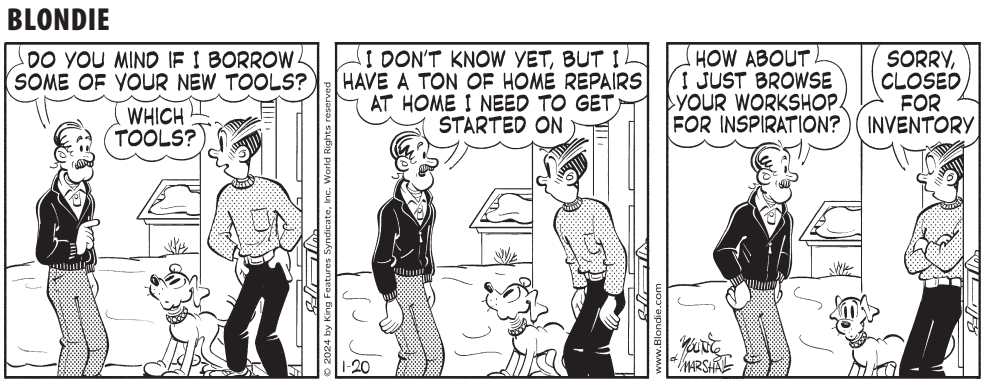
In 2023, the Supreme Court said an eight-month investigation failed to reveal who leaked a draft of the court's opinion overturning abortion rights.

Today's birthdays: Actor Tippi Hedren is 94. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 93. Movie director Richard Lester is 92. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 82. Actor Shelley Fabares is 80. Country singer Dolly Parton is 78. Former ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 77. TV chef Paula Deen is 77. Rock singer Martha Davis is 73. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 72. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 71. Actor Katey Sagal is 70. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 69. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 69. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 66. Actor Paul McCrane is 63. Actor William Ragsdale is 63. Basketball coach and commentator Jeff Van Gundy is 62. International Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 58. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 56. Singer Trey Lorenz is 55. Actor Shawn Wayans is 53. Rock singer-musician John Wozniak (Marcy Playground) is 53. Actor Drea de Matteo is 52. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 50. Actor Drew Powell is 48. Actor Marsha Thomason is 48. Actor Bitsie Tulloch is 43. Actor Jodie Sweetin is 42. U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg is 42. Movie director Damien Chazelle is 39. Actor Shaunette Renee Wilson is 34. Actor Briana Henry is 32. Actor Logan Lerman is 32. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 32. Rapper Taylor Bennett is 28. Actor Lidya Jewett is 17.

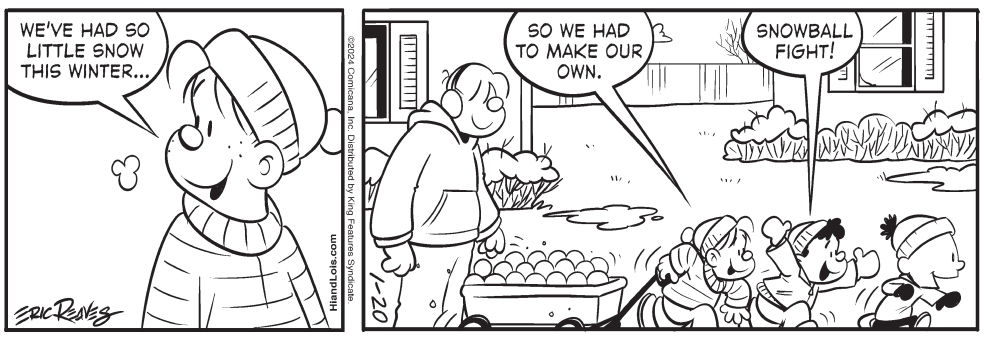
BEETLE BAILEY

I GOT A LETTER FROM MY SENATOR! "DEAR FRIEND..." I'M HIS FRIEND!
1/20
ZERO'S ONE OF THE RARE PEOPLE WHO ENJOY JUNK MAIL
HEY! ANOTHER FRIEND!
GREG+MORT WALKER
©2024 Comicana, Inc. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.

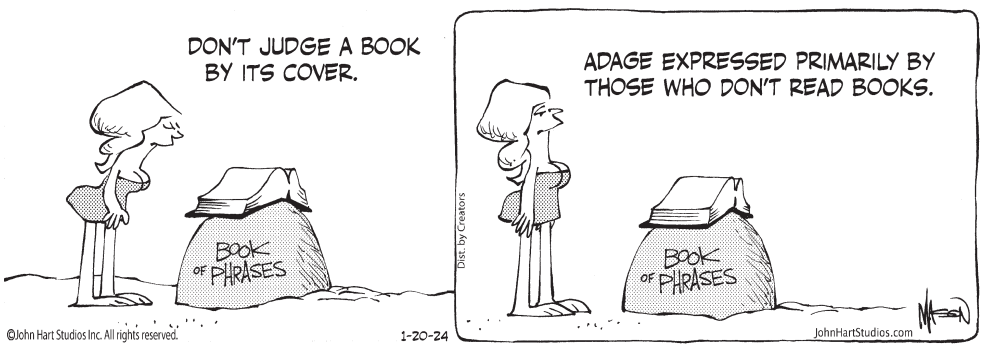
BLONDIE


DO YOU MIND IF I BORROW SOME OF YOUR NEW TOOLS?
WHICH TOOLS?
I DON'T KNOW YET, BUT I HAVE A TON OF HOME REPAIRS AT HOME I NEED TO GET STARTED ON
1-20
HOW ABOUT I JUST BROWSE YOUR WORKSHOP FOR INSPIRATION?
SORRY, CLOSED FOR INVENTORY
© 2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World Rights reserved.
www.Blondie.com

HI & LOIS

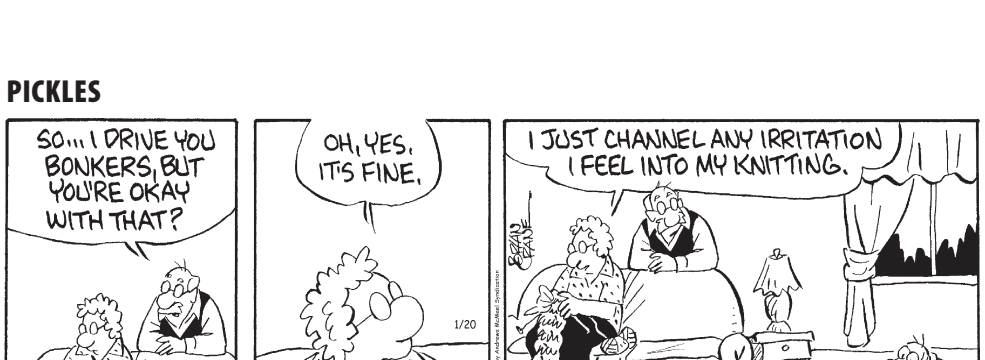

WE'VE HAD SO LITTLE SNOW THIS WINTER...
SO WE HAD TO MAKE OUR OWN.
SNOWBALL FIGHT!
1-20
©2024 Comicana, Inc. Distributed by King Features Syndicate.
HiandLois.com
ERIC REYES

BC


DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER.
BOOK OF PHRASES
ADAGE EXPRESSED PRIMARILY BY THOSE WHO DON'T READ BOOKS.
BOOK OF PHRASES
©John Hart Studios Inc. All rights reserved.
1-20-24
Dist. by Creators
JohnHartStudios.com

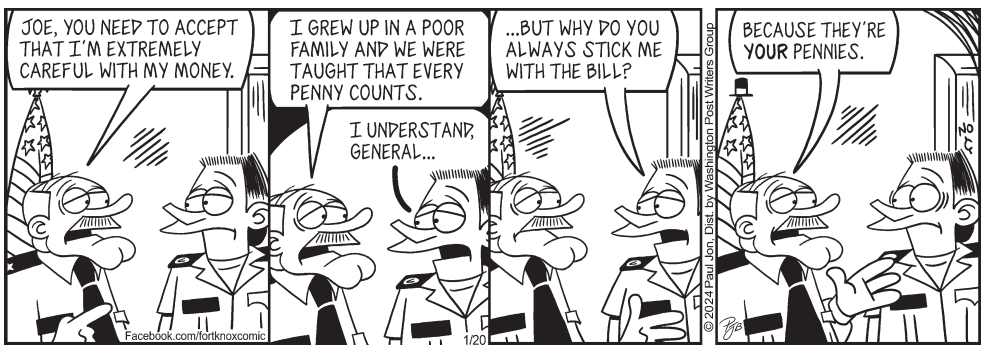
WIZARD OF ID

CRABGRASS


I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE THIS MATTER ON OUR OWN, KRYSTAL.
STOP TOUCHING ME!
WHAT WE NEED IS AN ARBITRATOR. A THIRD PARTY TO DECIDE THE MATTER WITH PERFECT IMPARTIALITY.
OW! MY EYE!
BUT WHO DO WE KNOW LIKE THAT?
ALL RISE FOR THE HONORABLE JUDGE KODY.
GNIP
© 2024 TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY, LLC. DIST. BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

GARFIELD

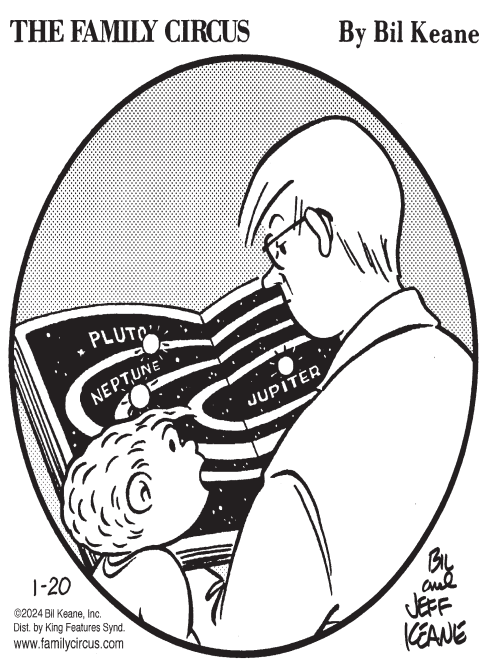
FORT KNOX


JOE, YOU NEED TO ACCEPT THAT I'M EXTREMELY CAREFUL WITH MY MONEY.
I GREW UP IN A POOR FAMILY AND WE WERE TAUGHT THAT EVERY PENNY COUNTS.
I UNDERSTAND, GENERAL...
...BUT WHY DO YOU ALWAYS STICK ME WITH THE BILL?
BECAUSE THEY'RE YOUR PENNIES.
1/20
Facebook.com/fortknoxcomic
© 2024 Paul Jon. Dist. by Washington Post Writers Group

PICKLES

SO... I DRIVE YOU BONKERS, BUT YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?
OH, YES. IT'S FINE.
1/20
I JUST CHANNEL ANY IRRITATION I FEEL INTO MY KNITTING.
BRIAN CRANE
© 2024 Brian Crane. dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication

FAMILY CIRCUS

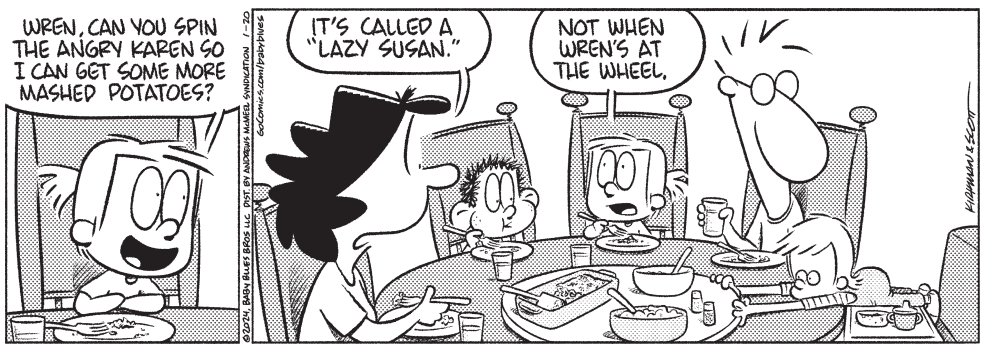


"Was Pluto named after Mickey Mouse's dog?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"LOOKS LIKE I'M REELING IN A BIG ONE!"

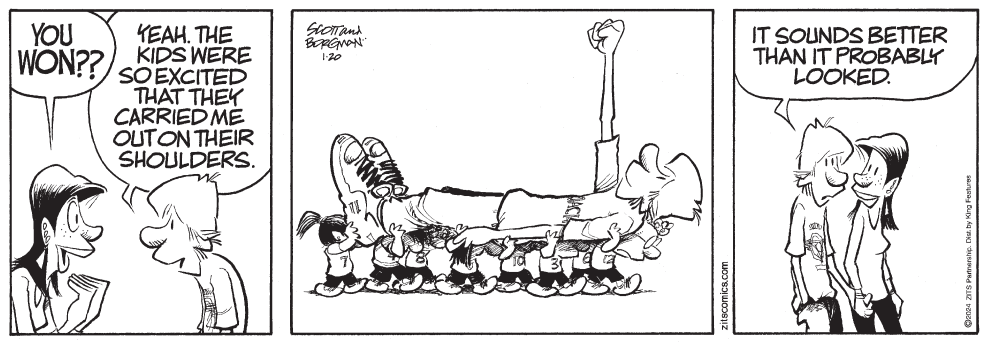
BABY BLUES


WREN, CAN YOU SPIN THE ANGRY KAREN SO I CAN GET SOME MORE MASHED POTATOES?
IT'S CALLED A "LAZY SUSAN."
NOT WHEN WREN'S AT THE WHEEL.
©2024 BABY BLUES BROS LLC. DIST BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION 1-20
GOCOMICS.COM/BABYBLUES
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

CURTIS

?
?
ODD... I JUST SAW DERRICK AND ONION, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD A RUN-IN WITH MIKE TYSON!
1-20
THAT IS ODD. C'MON, LET'S GET TO CLASS!
©2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.
BILL KNISLEY

ZITS


YOU WON??
YEAH. THE KIDS WERE SO EXCITED THAT THEY CARRIED ME OUT ON THEIR SHOULDERS.
SCOTT AND BORGMAN 1-20
IT SOUNDS BETTER THAN IT PROBABLY LOOKED.
zitscomics.com
©2024 ZITS Partnership. Dist. by King Features

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 20, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

On this date:

In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States.

In 1841, the island of Hong Kong was ceded by China to Great Britain. (It returned to Chinese control in July 1997.)

In 1936, Britain's King George V died after his physician injected the mortally ill monarch with morphine and cocaine to hasten his death; the king was succeeded by his eldest son, Edward VIII, who abdicated the throne 11 months later to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson.

In 1961, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.

In 1964, Capitol Records released the album "Meet the Beatles!"

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1986, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In 2009, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th, as well as first African American, president.

In 2011, federal authorities orchestrated one of the biggest Mafia takedowns in FBI history, charging 127 suspected mobsters and associates in the Northeast with murders, extortion and other crimes spanning decades.

In 2017, Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States, pledging emphatically to empower America's "forgotten men and women." Protesters registered their rage against the new president in a chaotic confrontation with police just blocks from the inaugural parade.

In 2020, Chinese government experts confirmed human-to-human transmission of the new coronavirus, saying two people caught the virus from family members and that some health workers had tested positive.

In 2022, Meat Loaf, the rock superstar known for his "Bat Out of Hell" album and for such theatrical, dark-hearted anthems as "Paradise By the Dashboard Light" and "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad," died at age 74.

Today's birthdays: Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 94. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 84. Singer Eric Stewart is 79. Movie director David Lynch is 78. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 77. Israeli activist Natan Sharansky is 76. Actor Daniel Benzali is 74. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 72. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 72. Comedian Bill Maher is 68. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 66. Actor James Denton is 61. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 59. Country singer John Michael Montgomery is 59. Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, is 59. Actor Rainn Wilson is 58. Actor Stacey Dash is 57. TV personality Melissa Rivers is 56. Actor Reno Wilson is 55. Singer Edwin McCain is 54. Actor Skeet Ulrich is 54. Rap musician Questlove (The Roots) is 53. Former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley is 52. Rock musician Rob Bourdon (Linkin Park) is 45. Singer-songwriter Bonnie McKee is 40. Country singer Brantley Gilbert is 39. Rock singer Kevin Parker (Tame Impala) is 38. Actor Evan Peters is 37.

Election Board sets dates for early primary voting

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Early voting dates for the primary election in Jefferson County were set at last week's meeting of the Jefferson County Election Board.

With the primary election on Tuesday, May 7, from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., early voting will begin at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 300 East Main St., on Tuesday, April 9, and continue on weekdays through Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be two Saturdays for early voting in the Courthouse — April 27 and May 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The last chance to vote at the Courthouse will be Monday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Satellite voting will also be offered at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison; and the Hanover Community Center, 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover.

Voting at the Public Safety Center will be on the three Tuesdays and three Thursdays prior to the primary, and at the Hanover Community Center on the three Wednesdays prior to the primary from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at both locations.

Actual dates at the Troy D. Morgan Public Safety Center are April 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, and May 2. Actual dates at the Hanover Community Center will be April 17 and 24, and May 1.

In other business, the Election Board decided to rent U-Haul vehicles and use bipartisan teams to deliver and pick up the election equipment.

Taylor Williams

Students at the iLead Acaademy in Carrollton — which serves Henry, Trimble, Carroll, Gallatin and Owen counties — attend classes where they get instruction in computer science while pursuing a path into that or related industries. The two-year pilot WeLeadCS program being launched this year hopes to accomplish the same goals but on a virtual platform that allows students to remain in their home school districts.

iLead Academy gets 2-year pilot to add WeLead virtual curriculum

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The iLead Academy in Carrollton, Kentucky, will be opening a WeLead Computer Science as a two-year pilot program in 2024-25.

Proposed by Kentucky Sen. President Pro Tem David Givens in November 2023, WeLeadCS is the first ever virtual career academy that expands access to accelerated early college career pathways in computer science for high school students. It has taught students in Kentucky about computer science and other technology-based subjects and also offers many different pathways students can follow while being exposed to dual credit classes.

The program is open to students in the five local school districts — Henry, Trimble, Carroll, Gallatin and Owen — who don't want to join the iLead experience at their in-person academy locations, but still want to learn about computer science in a virtual setting.

While iLead does have a physical location, WeLeadCS will not. It will function as entirely virtual with staff being available for teaching and learning on Google Classroom with daily classes and live instruction from the computer science teachers.

The hopes are that iLead Carrollton and We Lead can grow the computer science program and provide more skilled computer science graduates. "We just want to give kids every opportunity possible," said Eric Gray, iLead computer science teacher for 9th through 12th grade

The iLead program at Carrollton is already recruiting students to join that program with tours and informational sessions. "We start recruitment in January," Jenna Gray, director of iLead said. So far, Carroll County Middle School has already been given a tour of the iLead Academy in Carrollton and the Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) Carrollton campus on Jan. 12. Interested students and parents will also be will invited to an open house at Carrollton's iLead on Jan. 30, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Students interested in applying for the program will either be invited to join iLead — for those who want to attend classes full time — or We Lead — for those who want to stay in their home district and attend virtually. Applications to iLead open on Feb. 1 and close on Feb 15, and will be able on their website at www.ileadacademy.org. The announcement on which new students have been accepted is set for March 15.

The first class new students will experience is the general computer science class where they are introduced to different aspects of computer careers. "Whether it be web development or different kinds of programming languages, JavaScript and Python," Eric Gray said.

The second year is when students are ready to move onto their dual credit classes. "If they actually continue through our program, they will get a chance to have at least 12 hours of computer science classes that can transfer over to college credit," Gray noted.

Third year students will take a Python Coding class, which will be offered in the fall semester, and a JavaScript Coding class, which will be offered in the spring semester.

Even if they don't follow the computer science curriculum, students at iLead are still able to take computer science courses. "We, at iLead, embed computer science and programming across all of our students regardless if they're in the computer science pathway or not," Jenna Gray said.

WeLeadCS first began during the pandemic in 2020, when teachers from iLead were teaching classes online. "We learned that we did online teaching really well and so we thought the computer science pathway lends itself to that type of instruction," Jenna Gray said.

Alicia Sells, Director of Innovation, came up with the idea. They also worked with Northern Kentucky University, Jefferson Community and Technical College, and the Kentucky Department of Education. Sells thought they could provide online computer science classes to other districts who don't currently offer computer science programs or have teachers who can teach that curriculum.

With iLead first regional STEM-based career academy in Kentucky, started in 2014, and offers a lot of different pathways for students such as nursing, engineering, biomedical, education, and other kinds of high-need careers in the region, computer science was just another need.

The iLead location in Carrollton is in the strip mall with Kroger as a neighbor. The academy, much like its counterparts, offers technical skills and opportunities to get ready for college and future careers.

"What iLead offers is a chance and an opportunity for the students to come in and it's pretty accelerated because by the time they're into their junior year here, they are taking college classes full time," Eric Gray said.

Student News

Emmaline Leatherman, a 2023 graduate of Shawe Memorial High School, was named to the President's List at Trine University for the fall 2023 semester. Leatherman is majoring in Exercise Science — Pre-Physical Therapy. To earn President's List honors, Trine University's students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.75 to 4.

• Maddi Stark, a 2023 graduate of Trimble County High School, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Kentucky for the College of Arts and Sciences. Stark is majoring in English. To qualify for the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List, students must earn 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.6 grade point average for the semester.

• Carolyn Cissell of Madison and Treavor Smith of Milton, Kentucky, were named to the President's List at the University of the Cumberlands. To be eligible for the President's List, students must be enrolled at least 12 credit hours, maintain a minimum 4.0 grade point average, receive an "A" grade in the leadership service UC Engage course, and be in good academic standing.

Students making the Dean's List at the University of the Cumberlands are Kara Debaun, Ghent, Kentucky; Katie Habas, Carrollton, Kentucky; Mikaela Hall, Bedford, Kentucky; and Ashley Bates and Bayleigh McVicker, both of Milton. Dean's List eligibility requires a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5.

• Erika Hazelwood of Deputy, majoring in Nursing, and Olivia Spencer of Madison, majoring in Elementary Education, have been named to the Dean's List for the fall of 2023 at the University of Evansville. To merit the honor of being placed on the Dean's List, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

• MeLysa Weir of Carrollton has been named to Southern New Hampshire's fall 2023 President's List. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a minimum grade point average of 3.7 and above are named to the President's List.

• Kaelynn Pugh of Bedford, has been named to the Dean's List at Midway University for the fall 2023 semester. To be named to the list, a student must be classified as full-time and obtain at 3.6 grade point average for the semester.

• Local students named to the Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville for the fall semester include Molly Armbecht and Preston Kuppler, both of Madison, and Lauren Haney, Bedford. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

• Jackson Kelsey, a graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, was among student-athletes at Manchester University to earn Academic All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honor for the fall of 2023. Kelsey is a member of the Manchester men's soccer team.

• Nathaniel Scranton, of Bennington, recently completed requirements for a Mechanical Engineering degree from Trine University. Scranton is a 2019 graduate of Switzerland County High School.

Plan, BZA vote on leadership

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals held their first meetings of the year on Monday, Jan. 8, and elected leadership positions for 2024.

The Plan Commission reelected Josh Wilber as president and Patrick Thevenow as vice president — two Madison city Council members who serve on the Plan Commission and served in that capacity last year. Staff member Joe Patterson was reelected to serve as the Commission's secretary.

Later in the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, Scott Baldwin was reelected to serve as chairman while Karl Eaglin was elected vice chairman, taking over for Nancy Burkhardt who served in that role in 2023. Patterson, who is also staff member to the BZA, was reelected the board's secretary.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Ohio River Pirates

Lanier Mansion

Saturday, Jan 20

Lanier Mansion State Historic Site will host an event, Ohio River Pirates, for an exploration about pirates and diving deep into pirate myths and reality. The event, which is for youth ages 8-12, will be Saturday, Jan. 20, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $8 per child with a 25% discount for Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites members.

CHURCH LUNCHEON

St. John's United Church of Christ

408 East Street, Madison

Friday, Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. John's United Church of Christ will have a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon in the church Fellowship Hall off the East Street entrance. Cost is $8.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Food Giveaway

North Madison Christian Church

Saturday, Jan. 27 — 8-10 a.m.

North Madison Christian Church, 1400 East State Road 62, will hold its monthly food giveaway Jan. 27, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. while supplies last.

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Noon to 1 p.m.

331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison

Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison

Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street

Senior Meals

Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals again at the Madison Senior Center starting in November on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is $6 and there will be a trial run on Oct 24.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

Hanover Senior Citizens Center

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is $5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

LIFE

EVERY SECOND COUNTS...

Don't cut it short through abortion, euthanasia, or assisted suicide. Killing people is never a good solution to any problem.

Help is available.

RIGHT TO LIFE of SE INDIANA
Respecting LIFE from Conception to natural death.
P.O. Box 351 Milan, IN 47031

Fiscal court names Clifford parks director

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Trimble County Fiscal Court continued its investment in parks and recreation by unanimously hiring Greg Clifford as county park director to oversee all activities at Trimble County Recreational Park.

Greg Clifford

Clifford, of Bedford, will be charged with overseeing maintenance of park facilities and planning for park improvements as well as events and league play. He has already been working in that area on a volunteer basis while also serving as a part-time deputy sheriff in Trimble County. Although fiscal court stopped short of calling the job a full-time position at its meeting on Tuesday, Clifford was approved for up to 2,080 hours annually at about $18 an hour or about $36,000 per year. His primary focus will be on parks and recreation but he will be allowed to continue to help out occasionally in the sheriff's department.

"I appreciate you guys giving me the opportunity," said Clifford, whose family has been involved in Trimble youth and adult sports for years. "I grew up at that place ... I commend you guys for putting forth the effort. I worked with fiscal court a long time ago and there wasn't that much interest in the park."

Clifford said he already has a good start on the task at hand. He's been inspecting the park's buildings and athletic fields to identify maintenance needs and potential safety issues ahead of play next season.

"The first issue is getting everything up to par," he said, noting there are some safety issue with a few backstops, electrical issue at various fields and the lower shelter house is not currently usable. "It's just wasted space and being used for storage ... I should have a list by your next meeting."

He also plans to contact the organizations that have used the park in the past to see what their needs are and to begin developing a calendar coming out of winter. He said he'd also like to see the county develop a more user-friendly calendar such as Online scheduling where events, postponements and reschedules can be more easily accessed. However, he did note that he would prefer that it not involve social media sites like Facebook.

Trimble Judge-Executive John Ogden Jr. noted that he's seen similar county sites that were developed by the area development district and will see if Trimble's development district can help do that for the parks department as part of an overall upgrade of the county's website.

The county also continues to seek a trails grant that would allow the park to better map its system of trails and provide signage and other improvements to make the trails more usable for walking and hiking.

As part of the move to hire Clifford as parks director, Ogden said he'd like to see the county rescind it's Parks Board, which has overseen parks and recreation in the past. County Attorney Crystal Heinz said that action would require an ordinance to rescind that board and said she would begin drafting that document for the court's future consideration.

Congress votes to avert shutdown, fund government into early March

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK AND KEVIN FREKING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Congress sent President Joe Biden a short-term spending bill on Thursday that would avert a looming partial government shutdown and fund federal agencies into March.

The House approved the measure by a vote of 314-108, with opposition coming mostly from the more conservative members of the Republican conference. Shortly before the vote, the House Freedom Caucus announced it "strongly opposes" the measure because it would facilitate more spending than they support.

Nevertheless, about half of Republicans joined with Democrats in passing the third stopgap funding measure in recent months. The action came a few hours after the Senate had voted overwhelmingly to pass the bill by a vote of 77-18.

The measure extends current spending levels and buys time for the two chambers to work out their differences over full-year spending bills for the fiscal year that began in October.

The temporary measure will run to March 1 for some federal agencies. Their funds were set to run out Friday. It extends the remainder of government operations to March 8.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the president would sign the resolution and urged Republicans to quit wasting time on partisan spending bills.

"House Republicans must finally do their job and work across the aisle to pass full-year funding bills that deliver for the American people and address urgent domestic and national security priorities by passing the President's supplemental request," Jean-Pierre said.

Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., has been under pressure from his right flank to scrap a $1.66 trillion budget price tag he reached with Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer earlier this month for the spending bills. Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, said the continuing resolution passed Thursday will facilitate that agreement, and urged colleagues to vote against it.

"It's Groundhog Day in the House chamber all the time, every day, yet again spending money we don't have," Roy said.

Johnson has insisted he will stick with the deal, and moderates in the party have stood behind him. They say that changing course now would be going back on his word and would weaken the speaker in future negotiations.

Rep. Rosa DeLauro, the ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, said Americans expect Congress to govern and work in a bipartisan fashion.

"Some of my colleagues would see that this government would shut down and don't care how hurtful that would be," DeLauro said.

House Republicans have fought bitterly over budget levels and policy since taking the majority at the start of 2023. Former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., was ousted by his caucus in October after striking an agreement with Democrats to extend current spending the first time. Johnson has also come under criticism as he has wrestled with how to appease his members and avoid a government shutdown in an election year.

"We just needed a little more time on the calendar to do it and now that's where we are," Johnson said Tuesday about the decision to extend federal funding yet again. "We're not going to get everything we want."

Most House Republicans have so far refrained from saying that Johnson's job is in danger. But a revolt of even a handful of Republicans could endanger his position in the narrowly divided House.

Virginia Rep. Bob Good, one of eight Republicans who voted to oust McCarthy, has been pushing Johnson to reconsider the deal with Schumer.

"If your opponent in negotiation knows that you fear the consequence of not reaching an agreement more than they fear the consequence of not reaching an agreement, you will lose every time," Good said this week.

MUNDT

FROM PAGE A1

"Major Mundt is already a respected leader of our police force, and I believe we will make an effective team," Scudder said. "We will continue to build upon the foundation that our predecessors have left and lead MPD into the future."

"I look forward to working with Chief Scudder and Major Mundt to achieve our goals for MPD and the safety of our community," Courtney said. "Their experience and leadership will move the department forward, and I am grateful they have agreed to serve the community in this capacity."

When Perkins retires, he will join his wife, Kimberly, in Florida. "I am proud to have dedicated my career to the citizens of Madison, which I will always consider my home. I am excited for the next chapter of my life as I begin a new career in Florida. I am honored to have served with many amazing officers over my career and will miss them greatly."

Submitted

Madison Police Department Deputy Chief Jeremey Perkins posing in front of a gag mug shot background during his recent retirement party.

Courier file

Jeremy Perkins (left) and Shawn Scudder (right) arresting a suspect during Madison Police Department's Operation Predator Net sting in September 2020 when both were detectives. Perkins, who is retiring as Deputy Chief in February while Scudder was last month named MPD Police Chief.

Perkins has also served as a certified negotiator for the Emergency Response Team. As a negotiator, he earned two separate lifesaving awards and a Medal of Valor for his work in negotiating with suicidal persons. Perkins has also de-escalated multiple police stand-offs, successfully talking barricaded subjects into custody.

Perkins also excelled in his work in Crimes against Children cases as a detective, making numerous arrests in cases involving child abuse, child neglect and sex crimes against children. During his tenure as assistant chief and chief of police and in collaboration with former Chief Wallace, Perkins oversaw the expansion of the Police Department from an agency with less than 30 officers and six patrol vehicles to an agency of 34 officers with take-home cars, each equipped with a mobile computer-aided dispatch station.

"I am grateful for Major Perkins' contributions to MPD and the safety of our community. His career accomplishments are many. It has been a pleasure working with Jeremey and I wish him the best," said Courtney.

STUDY

FROM PAGE A1

It's work that Triangle 2 has experience doing with a client base that includes more than 250 YMCAs in the United States and abroad.

"What they're doing is very thorough and will provide a lot of insight into what we need in Madison," said Alcorn, adding that the survey of local residents has targeted asking questions that lead respondents to think more deeply about their answers to get to the crux of what truly is needed for the community. "They've worked to be objective," said Alcorn, with no defined outcome except for what the feasibility results will reveal.

Once the feasibility process is completed, Alcorn said JeffCo will begin considering a location for the facility, and whether land can be found to be donated for the wellness facility which could impact the cost as plans are then developed for funding construction.

FACILITY

FROM PAGE A1

The process that led to construction of the new jail followed a state jail inspection in August of 2017 that determined the county was non-compliant in several areas including one that stated the jail was in violation of capacity with overcrowded conditions from housing more inmates than the jail's listed 109 inmate capacity. County Commissioners and County Council were ordered to develop a plan of action.

For the last few years, the county has dealt with the lack of space for inmates by housing prisoners in other facilities. Those inmates are now being brought to Jefferson County to be housed locally in the new facility, saving the county the cost of paying other counties to hold its inmates and transportation costs. Flint said there will likely still be some instances when Jefferson County inmates will need to be jailed outside of the county, particularly those who in the past have worked in law enforcement, which could risk their safety if housed locally.

Flint said there is also the possibility of Jefferson County housing inmates for other counties, but that won't happen until "down the road." He said he wants to get more settled in the new facility, and be more established before taking on additional inmates.

Flint also encouraged the public to be understanding during the transition as the Sheriff's Department staff works through minor issues and gets comfortable in the new facility. "We ask for continued patience from everyone," he said.

911

FROM PAGE A1

She accepted the job and is thankful for her father's advice and positive attitude. "If you want to do something bad enough, you'll be able to accomplish it," she said.

It was her family background with law enforcement that likely influenced Lawrence's desire to become a dispatcher in the first place. Gene Lawrence served on the Madison Police Department from 1960-1981, the last four as Police Chief. Her uncle, Roy Lawrence, had also served as a Madison Police officer and her aunt, Roberta May, was a dispatcher for the Madison Police Department from 1979-2002.

"It takes a special person to be a dispatcher," said Lawrence. "You have to have a lot of different qualities. You have to have empathy and sympathy," but the dispatchers need to keep themselves together in difficult situations to be able to help the person who is calling. "You can't let your emotions control that call."

She said every call that comes into the 911 dispatch, is answered without knowing "what's going to be on the other end of the line. The main thing is trying to calm people down if you can, be there for them to let them know you are there to help."

Once dispatcher have done the work that needs to be done, they can then deal with their own emotions. "You've got to finish up what you've got to do, then you can sit back and cry," she said.

Over the years as a dispatcher, Lawrence said she's dealt with "all kinds of emotions. Good experiences. Funny experiences. Bad experiences."

And as 911 Director, the job has become her life, never leaving her, as she even stay in contact with the center during a vacation to England. "When you're director you have no sacred hiding spot. You're on call 24/7," she said, pointing to her cell phone that "has never been shut off in seven years" except for once to reboot it. "You have to leave it on. I have come in here and helped after floods, the aftermath of tornadoes and different times when it busy. Day shift, Late shift, Mid shift, I didn't mind because it's what I love to do."

But at 4:01 p.m. today she will be officially retired. "It's going to feel weird not to be depended on but it's going be kind of a relief," even though she will still make herself available for any questions.

"I'm going to miss this, but I want to do more horseback riding and horse camping and crocheting," Lawrence said, and just have a chance to do things she enjoys, and spend more time with family.

Brandon Tucker, who has been a supervisor trainer for Jefferson County 911, will serve as interim 911 Director, until a decision is made on a new director. "He's a good person. He's smart. He's smart and he loves to train and learn new things. He's very mature" for being in his late 20s, said Lawrence. Applications for 911 Director were being accepted through today.

Lawrence said the dispatchers and law enforcement become "like a family" due in part to what they encounter in their roles. "When you have a bad call, you're not supposed to go home and tell anybody about it" but the "dispatchers and the law enforcement officers are the ones you can talk to" because they are dealing with it together. "They are the ones that understand."

It's that support that she cherishes. "My law enforcement family and my dispatch family is who I appreciate," along with the encouragement of her two sons, Joseph and Charles.

"I'm just proud of what our dispatch center has accomplished and I am proud of our dispatchers," she said.

Photos by Ann Carter

Musicians who participated last Tuesday in the Kentucky Dulcimer Gatherin' Group pose for a group photo. In front is Jimmy Meister. Seated are Doloris Ginn, Judy Vanarsdall, Betty Lusby and Sharon Eggemeyier. Standing are Pam Faris, Jeff Faris, Mike Sparrow, Cherri Martin, Wayne Eggemeyier, Curt Beatty, Teresa Roberts, Larry Dale Perry and Reba Hance.

Curt Beatty picks the guitar as a member of the Dulcimer group.

SOFT AND SWEET

Weekly Dulcimer Gatherin' brings musicians together

BY ANN CARTER
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

OWENTON

The soft sound of the dulcimer drifts outside the Odd Fellow's Lodge in Owenton every Tuesday when the Kentucky Dulcimer Gatherin' Group comes together to spend the day playing its favorite tunes.

The unique Appalachian string instrument produces a soft and gentle melody enjoyed by many.

Founding member Sharon Eggemeyier organized and taught many of the 29 musicians who gather weekly to play folk, gospel and bluegrass tunes. The group plays a variety of instruments, including the guitar, banjo, mandolin, flute, dobro, harmonica, Irish bouzouki, and bass fiddle.

Group member Betty Lusby enjoys sharing the love for her beautifully hand-crafted instrument made by Warren May.

A native of Carroll County, May resides in Berea, Kentucky, and has been making dulcimers since 1972. Lusby said she takes joy in the Tuesday get-togethers.

Fellowship and music are a shared interest of Reba Hance, Teresa Roberts and Mike Sparrow.

"I enjoy playing and the fellowship with the group each week," she said.

Members of the group travel from the neighboring counties of Carroll, Henry, Boone and Kenton in Kentucky to play together.

One of the most interesting people who has stopped by to play with the group has been local harpist Georgia Glancey. Lusby commented on Glancey's music: "She played beautifully. The harp is a soft and wonderful instrument."

Lusby went on to say, "The group would love to have more of the younger generation of musicians join them."

Anyone interested in joining the Kentucky Dulcimer Gatherin' Group to play, sing or listen is invited to Tuesday's meetings at the Odd Fellow's Lodge from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Madison man dies from injuries in hilltop crash

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison man died Wednesday, Jan. 17, in a collision involving a passenger car and a pickup in the 3100 block of Clifty Drive on Madison's hilltop.

Barry Lynn Phillips, 67, of Madison, was traveling southbound in a 2018 Dodge Challenger when for an unknown reason his vehicle crossed over the center line and collided with a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Stephen Fischer, 64, of Madison.

Phillips and a passenger in the Fischer pickup, James Furnish, 68, of Madison, were airlifted to the University of Louisville Hospital trauma center where Phillips was pronounced dead there from his injuries.

Fischer was transported by ground ambulance to Norton's King's Daughters' Health Emergency Room in Madison.

Funeral arrangement for Phillips, a Southwestern graduate and self-employed electrician with Barry Phillips Electric in Madison, are pending at Morgan-Nay Funerals Centers.

Council elects leadership, makes board appointments

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Madison City Council conducted its annual reorganization on Wednesday, Jan. 10 by opting to retain the same leadership that served in that capacity in 2023 with Carla Krebs reelected Council Pro Tem.

Krebs was initially elected to the council by Republican caucus but since has run for the office and been elected by voters. She was first chosen as Council Pro Tem last year after then Councilperson Katie Rampy resigned to become the city Clerk Treasurer.

On Wednesday, Krebs was the only nomination for the position and was unanimously ratified.

In other action, Mayor Bob Courtney also issued the oath of office to Fourth District Councilman Joshua Schafer, who was unable to attend an earlier ceremony, and Deputy Mayor Mindy McGee.

The council and Courtney took care of several board appointments at the meeting — the council's first of the year and a day later than normal due to Gov. Eric Holcomb's State of the State address that Courtney attended.

The council reappointed Paula Menke to the Police Merit Board, reappointed council members Josh Wilber and Patrick Thevenow to the Plan Commission and appointed incoming council member Joel Storm to that same board. Bill Hensler was reappointed to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee and council member Jim Bartlett was reappointed to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism and Visit Madison Inc. boards.

Courtney also informed the council that he had reappointed Jerry Ralston to the Madison Plan Commission and reappointed Hannah Mahoney to the Visit Madison Inc. board — both mayoral appointments.

"Thank you all for serving," Courtney said. "I don't know if everybody knows, but our council members aren't just here twice a month. In fact, many cities only have monthly council meetings — by law we're only required to have monthly council meetings — but in between council meetings our council members are working very hard on lots of different committees and working alongside volunteers across the community. We have over two dozen boards and committees and boards and at the county level as well that we're all serving on so I appreciate all the work that they do not just when they're here. It's what's happening in between the meetings where there's a lot of substance and commitment that's being expressed by our council members."

In other reports, new Police Chief Shawn Scudder gave his first report to the council and relayed that Madison Police Department officers had voted for Daniel Butler to represent them on the Police Merit Board.

Scudder, who took over as police chief for the retiring John Wallace on Jan. 3, reported that arrests were up in 2023 by about 60 cases over 2022 and citations were up about 120 during the same period, due in part because the department moving closer to being fully staffed. He said officers made 5,363 total calls and that there was a 300 increase in case reports but that accident investigations had decreased by about 30 crashes over 2022.

Scudder also noted that with Wallace's retirement, his promotion from detective to police chief and the upcoming retirement of Assistant Chief Jeremey Perkins that the department would be four officers short of full capacity until a new round of hiring can take place.

In other business, the council also heard concerns from several residents related to on-street parking problems.

One original agenda item that was not discussed was a request concerning economic development tax abatements. Courtney said the proposal was removed from the agenda but would be brought up at a future meeting.

Conservative Investors Approach to Retirement Planning

Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
Wealth Management

Longevity risk, the possibility of outliving one's financial resources, is a significant concern for conservative investors, particularly those nearing or at retirement age. As a retirement planner, addressing this risk is vital to ensuring my clients a secure and comfortable retirement.

The concept of longevity risk is rooted in the unpredictability of life expectancy. With advancements in healthcare and living standards, people live longer than ever. While this is a positive development, it poses a financial challenge: sustaining income over a potentially longer-than-expected retirement period. This is where annuities come into play, serving as a tool to mitigate the longevity risk.

Annuities are financial instruments that offer a steady flow of income for a set duration or throughout the annuitant's life. Certain annuities can benefit conservative investors, especially those already in retirement or close to it.

Immediate Annuities: Upon retirement, one can invest a lump sum into an immediate annuity to start receiving regular payments almost immediately. This is ideal for retirees who need a steady income source right away.

Deferred Annuities: For those still a few years away from retirement, deferred annuities allow the investment to grow tax-deferred before the income phase begins. It's a way to ensure that a part of the retirement portfolio is dedicated to providing a stable income later.

Fixed Annuities: These annuities offer a guaranteed fixed income, shielding retirees from market volatility. This is particularly appealing to conservative investors who prioritize stability over high returns.

Inflation-Adjusted Annuities: Since retirement can last several decades, inflation can significantly erode purchasing power. Inflation-adjusted annuities increase payments over time, helping maintain the income's actual value.

Longevity Annuities: These are deferred annuities that start paying out at a later stage, for example, at age 80 or 85. They serve as a hedge against outliving other retirement savings.

Each of these annuity types has its advantages and considerations. Immediate and fixed annuities provide security and simplicity but may offer lower returns than more aggressive investment strategies. Deferred and longevity annuities provide higher potential income but require one to be comfortable with the lack of liquidity for a part of their portfolio. Inflation-adjusted annuities protect against the cost of living increases but start with lower initial payments.

In choosing the right annuity, it's crucial to consider the investor's overall financial situation, health status, risk tolerance, and retirement goals. For instance, someone with a family history of longevity might prioritize a longevity annuity, while another with immediate income needs might opt for an immediate fixed annuity.

As a retirement planner, I help clients navigate these options, balancing the need for immediate income, the desire for investment growth, and the necessity of managing longevity risk. By integrating annuities into a comprehensive retirement plan, we can offer peace of mind to conservative investors, ensuring that their retirement income sustains them throughout their golden years.

Are you concerned about outliving your retirement savings? Let's explore how annuities can provide financial security and peace of mind in your golden years. Contact me today to discuss a personalized retirement plan that aligns with your goals and ensures a comfortable and secure retirement. Your journey towards a worry-free retirement starts here.

Highlights:

Longevity Risk: A major concern for retirees, defined as the risk of outliving financial resources.

Annuities as a Solution: Annuities offer a guaranteed income, essential for managing longevity risk.

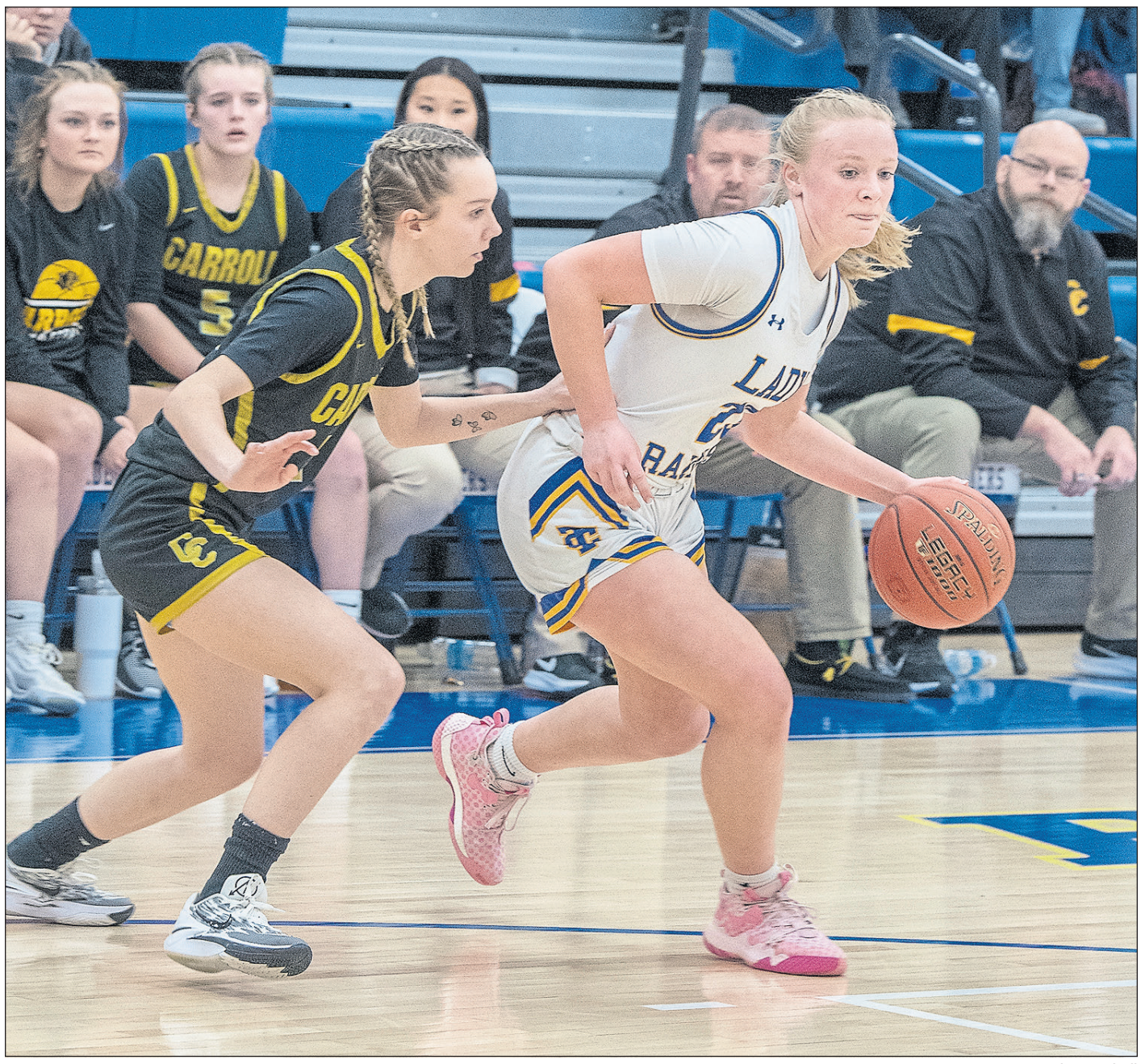
Types of Annuities: Includes immediate, deferred, fixed, inflation-adjusted, and longevity annuities, each catering to different needs.

Personalization is Key: The choice of annuity should align with individual financial situations, health, risk tolerance, and retirement objectives.

Stephen Dybwad, a long time Hoosier resident, is a member of *Syndicated Columnists,* a national organization committed to a fully transparent approach to money management. Syndicated Columnists is the sole provider of this material, both written and conceptual, for this column. All rights reserved.

Kasper Insurance 220 Clifty Drive Madison, IN 47250
Telephone 812-273-1187.
Stephen Dybwad (retirevillage.com)

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



Mark Campbell

Trimble County's Addison Edmondson (right) drives on Carroll County's Kaitlyn Hensley in the head-to-head matchup of the top offensive threats in Tuesday's border battle of 31st District rivals.

Trimble girls battle back to beat Carroll 52-48

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County dug out of a big first half deficit against border rival Carroll County Tuesday to score a 52-48 girls basketball win in Bedford.

Carroll looked poised to pick up its second district win of the season while pulling away from the Raiders in the first half but Trimble adjusted and fought back to improve to 3-2 in the 31st District.

Trimble County senior guard Addison Edmondson battled back from a slow start offensively to score 24 points in the comeback win while Kim Rodriguez added 10 points to give Trimble two players in double figures.

No results for Carroll were available.

Trimble, now 9-8 overall and 4-2 in 31st District play, travels to Eminence on Friday and hosts Lloyd Memorial on Saturday. The Raiders then head to Shelby County next Thursday.

Carroll, now 4-13 overall and 1-5 in 31st District play, hosts Henry County on Friday and hosts Williamstown next Thursday.

CARROLL BOYS BEAT TRIMBLE

Carroll County pulled away from rival Trimble County for a 54-38 boys basketball win on Monday, Jan. 15, in Bedford.

The win allowed Carroll County to halt a 10-game losing skid and improve to 4-10 overall and 2-3 in the 31st District.

The loss was the Raiders' seventh straight, dropping Trimble to 3-14 overall and 1-4 in the 31st District.

Senior guard Ethan Horn, among the top scorers in the 31st District, scored 22 points to lead the Raiders but was the only Trimble player to reach double figures. Dylan Penick scored seven points for Trimble and Brayden Wilson added six.

No individual scoring was available for Carroll County.

Carroll hosts Henry County on Friday and Tates Creek on Saturday. The Panthers then host Holmes on Monday.

Trimble County heads to Eminence on Thursday and hosts Beechwood on Saturday. The Raiders then host South Oldham next Wednesday.

Mark Campbell

Carroll County's Elle Spencer (right) launches a shot from just outside the lane over the outstretched arms of Trimble County's Trinity Crawford (44) and Anna Brierly (33).

SHAWE FALLS TO MUSTANGS

Shawe's girls fell behind early and never recovered in a 40-31 loss at New Washington on Tuesday.

The Hilltoppers trailed 12-3 after the first quarter and 24-9 at the half before outscoring the Mustangs 21-16 in the second half.

Allison Knoebel had 13 points and Ava Turner scored 12 to lead Shawe. Yolett Perez chipped in four points.

Shawe, now 7-10 on the season, hosts Clarksville on Saturday and Providence next Tuesday.

PACERS LOSE TO JCD

Switzerland County's girls suffered a 62-30 loss at Class A No. 8 Jac-Cen-Del on Tuesday.

Halle Archer led the Pacers with nine points, Lauren Smith had six points and seven rebounds and Macy Collier had five points and seven rebounds.

Switzerland, now 11-10 overall and 2-3 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, hosts Rising Sun on Tuesday.

SEE **GIRLS/PAGE B4**

Southwestern Athletics

Southwestern freshman Natalee Crawford (left) with her father and coach Jay Crawford after setting two school records while winning events at the Ohio River Valley Conference championships at Milan on Saurday.

Rebel swimmers win 6 events

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's girls swim team claimed six individual championships and saw two school records fall in the Ohio River Valley Conference Championships at Milan last Saturday.

Freshman Natalee Crawford picked up both school records — winning the 200-yard individual medley in 2:24.91 and the 100 freestyle in 56.83. Older sister Raygan Crawford won the 100 butterfly in 1:05.06 and the 100 backstroke in 1:06.87.

Natalee Crawford and Raygan Crawford also teamed up with Riley Crawford and Adalei Watson to win the 200

SEE **REBEL/PAGE B4**

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Hanover women hold off Franklin in fight to the finish

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Franklin rallied from a 13-point fourth-quarter deficit to pull within one before Hanover held on for the 70-68 win in women's basketball Wednesday at Collier Arena.

Hanover began the fourth quarter with a 57-46 lead and eventually pushed that margin to 13 (61-48) before Franklin caught fire.

The Grizzlies outscored Hanover 20-8 over the next eight minutes to pull within one, 69-68, on a Brooke Grinstead 3-pointer with four seconds left. The Panthers' Katherine Benter hit one of two free throws to give Hanover a two-point lead and Franklin's last-second shot missed.

Benter scored 21 points and added seven rebounds to lead Hanover while Grace Bezold had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Heath Taylor scored 12 points.

Hanover, now 10-6 overall, improves to 8-1 in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play. The Panthers host Earlham

SEE **FIGHT/PAGE B4**

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls host Henry Co., 6 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls at Eminence, 6 p.m.

Shawe boys host Trinity Lutheran, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Southwestern boys host Rock Creek, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. boys at Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys host Henry Co., 7:30 p.m.

Madison boys host Rushville, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Clarksville, noon

Hanover men host Earlham, 1 p.m.

Madison girls host Columbus East, 1:30 p.m.

Southwestern girls host Rising Sun, 1:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. girls host Lloyd, 2:30 p.m.

Hanover women host Earlham, 3 p.m.

Carroll Co. boys host Tates Creek, 3:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys host Beechwood, 6:30 p.m.

Madison boys host New Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys host South Central, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Switzerland Co. boys at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hanover at Wittenberg, 10 a.m.

Shawe, Southwestern, Anderson Invite at Southwestern, 11 a.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hanover at Mount St. Joseph, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING

Madison, Southwestern at Milan, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

No local events

MONDAY, JAN. 22

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys host Holmes, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23

BASKETBALL

Shawe girls host Providence, 6 p.m.

Madison girls host North Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Switzerland Co. girls host Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys host South Oldham, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Lanesville, 6 p.m.

Edey comes up big to lead No. 2 Purdue past rival Indiana 87-66

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Purdue center Zach Edey arrived at Indiana determined to leave a lasting impact Tuesday night.

Then he showed everyone why he is the reigning national player of the year.

The 7-foot-4 senior drew fouls, made shots and even chased loose balls, finishing with 33 points and 14 rebounds while leading the second-ranked Boilermakers to an 87-66 rout over the rival Hoosiers.

"This was my last chance to get a win here," Edey said before handing Indiana its worst loss at Assembly Hall in this series.

Edey did it all, nearly single-handedly getting Indiana's big men into early foul trouble. He was 11 of 23 from the field and 11 for 12 at the free throw line. He dove for a loose ball, and his shot-blocking presence had the Hoosiers out of sync. It was his second straight 30-point double-double since Purdue's loss last week at Nebraska.

Thanks largely to Edey, the Boilermakers (16-2, 5-2 Big Ten) got their first win at Assembly Hall in three seasons and erased, for a moment, the bitterness of getting swept by Indiana last season. Fletcher Loyer scored 19 points and Lance Jones added 17 for Purdue, but Edey was the catalyst.

"He causes a lot of attention, and you see when he goes 1-on-1, he's going to draw some fouls," Purdue coach Matt Painter said after securing his 214th career conference win to tie former Illinois coach Lou Henson for No. 5 in Big Ten history. "It's difficult to see someone at 7-4, 300 pounds that plays hard every single point. It just kind of shows you who he is."

The Hoosiers (12-6, 4-3) didn't like what they saw. Trey Galloway scored 17 points and Mackenzie Mgbakco had 15, but Indiana trailed for the final 37 minutes — most of that time by double digits after falling into an early 25-13 hole and a 51-29 deficit at halftime.

Indiana charged back by opening the second half on a 20-7 spurt and cutting the margin to 60-51 with about 13 minutes left. But then Purdue answered with five straight points, the final two coming on Edey's free throws, and Indiana never got close again.

"I can't sit here and complain about the officiating. It's what it is. We couldn't get to Edey quick enough," Hoosiers coach Mike Woodson said. "I've got to get my two big guys a little tougher. I didn't think we played tough enough, and Edey kind of had his way."

BIG PICTURE

Purdue: The Boilermakers have rolled in their last two games and Indiana was just the next in line. Purdue dominated this game and closed it out like you'd expect from one of the nation's top teams.

Indiana: The Hoosiers played hard, but couldn't match the intensity or physicality of Edey and the more experienced Boilermakers. Woodson hopes this loss shows his team the level it still must reach.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

One day after extending the nation's longest active streak of being ranked in the top five to 27 weeks, the Boilermakers made a strong case to reclaim the No. 1 spot it held the previous four weeks. Whether they do depends on what happens later this week.

UP NEXT

Purdue plays at Iowa on Saturday (**TV:** Live on FS1 at 2 p.m.).

Indiana begins a two-game trip Friday night at No. 11 Wisconsin (**TV:** Live on FS1 at 8:30 p.m.).

Kentucky takes care of Mississippi State

Cal notches 400th win at UK

BY AARON GERSHON
THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON — No. 8 Kentucky picked up its seventh win in its last eight games Wednesday 90-77 over Mississippi State at Rupp Arena as the Cats bounced back from an overtime loss at Texas A&M Saturday.

"We made a little bit of adjustment in our pick-and-roll defense. Executive decision. They liked it. I liked it," UK head coach John Calipari said postgame.

"That team, Mississippi State, is a top 10 defensive team in the country, and I think we got to 90 (points)."

The win marked John Calipari's 400th during his tenure as Kentucky head coach.

"I did not know till their players ... came up to me and said congratulations on 400," Calipari said of his milestone victory. "And I went shoot, I forgot about it.

"All I would say to you is you stay long enough and you have enough really good players, a lot of those things happen. I'm not doing this for numbers. I don't even know what my record is. I could care less."

Kentucky's win came without forward Adou Thiero, who missed a fifth straight game with "general soreness."

The Cats opened the game on a 15-5 run thanks to 10 early points from Antonio Reeves, three assists from Reed Sheppard and by holding the Bulldogs scoreless for over four of the game's first six minutes.

Entering the third media break of the half, Kentucky's lead stood at 29-20 as Rob Dillingham scored 10 early points off the bench and by halftime grew to 47-29 as UK finished the first half on a 18-9 run.

Mississippi State's 29 first half points matched the lowest UK's allowed in an opening half this season, joining performances against New Mexico State and Penn when it also allowed 29 first half points.

"Working on it in practice. Just emphasizing it looking at film," Reeves said of UK's defensive adjustments. We were not pushing up on a guy and getting physical. We definitely made that one of the main keys and main goals of this game to try to get up on our guy and try to push them off the screen."

Darrell Bird/The Cats' Pause

Rob Dillingham drives the lane during Kentucky's 90-77 victory over Mississippi State on Wednesday night.

The Bulldogs came out firing in the second half and immediately went on a 14-2 run to cut Kentucky's lead to 49-43 and force Calipari to call timeout.

Following the timeout, Calipari put Dillingham and Sheppard back on the floor and Kentucky immediately regained control. The Cats went on a 20-12 run to take a 69-55 lead midway through the half.

"Anytime we get in the game, we want to create a spark," Dillingham said postgame. "So when we come in together, we talk to each other and we just try our best to do what we can to make the team better and help us get a lead.

"We come in a game and just have an edge about ourselves and a chip on our shoulder and that's how we play."

From there Kentucky was outscored by one the rest of the game but was able to hold on for a 13-point victory.

Kentucky was led in scoring by Reeves with 27 points. He was joined in double figures by Dillingham (16), Tre Mitchell (15) and Aaron Bradshaw (11) while Sheppard added nine and would of been in double figures if not for a Kentucky lane violation on a late made free throw.

The Cats shot 55.6% from the field in the win, the highest total against the Bulldogs by any team so far this season.

"They have so many facilitators and playmakers," Bulldog head coach Chris Jans said postgame. "They have two guys that come off the bench [Dillingham and Sheppard) that could start on a lot of college basketball teams across the country at any level and what a luxury to have four guys [Dillingham, Sheppard, Reeves and D.J. Wagner] at the guard position that are interchangeable and are a little bit different.

"They just spread you out. It brings you out because they do shoot the ball so well from three. They've got guys that can get down the hill and they got lob threats that are behind the defense. They put a lot of pressure on you defensively."

Tolu Smith led the Bulldogs with 26 points. He was joined in double figures by Trey Fort with 13 points.

With the win, UK moved to 18-1 all-time against the Bulldogs in the Calipari era and improved to 13-3 overall and 3-1 in conference play on the season. Mississippi State dropped to 12-5 overall and 1-3 in league play.

Kentucky and Mississippi State will meet again Tuesday, Feb. 27, in Starkville.

The Wildcats will be back in action Saturday when the Wildcats host the Georgia Bulldogs (13-4, 3-1) at Rupp Arena. (**TV:** Live on SEC network at 6 p.m.).

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT

Girls Basketball
Monday, Jan. 15
Sw Auxiliary Gym

"A" Division

Jendy's Pizzeria Rainbow Warriors 20, Taunya's Creative Cuts Blue Dragons 16 — Raelynn Keller had 14 points for the Rainbow Warriors. Elena Taylor and Haven McFadden had eight each for the Blue Dragons.

"B" Division

Steinhardt Heating & Air Conditioning Purple Dragons 17, Pope John Irish 4 — McKenzie Garvey had 15 points for the Purple Dragons.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Shawe's Philip Kahn and Allison Knoebel have been named Ohio River Valley Conference players of the week.

Kahn earned the award in boys basketball after scoring 40 points and grabbing seven rebounds in a win over Assumption Academy.

Knoebel won the award in girls basketball with 49 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds in two games last week.

— Former Madison Lady Cub Jade Nutley had 19 points, five rebounds and three steals in Indiana Wesleyan's 91-61 win at Goshen on Wednesday.

— Switzerland County jayvee girls basketball remained unbeaten on the season with a 39-23 win over Jac-Cen-Del Tuesday on the road.

Kaylynn Schaefer had 10 points and four rebounds for the Pacers and Addie Kelso had 10 points and three rebounds.

Switzerland, now 16-0, clinched a share of the Ohio River Valley Conference championship with the win. The Pacers host Rising Sun on Tuesday.

— Trimble County out-battled Carroll County 31-29 in overtime in junior varsity girls basketball Tuesday in Bedford.

The teams were tied 29-29 at the end of regulation despite both sides having multiple looks at the basket to win the game in regulation. Carroll's offense continued to struggle in overtime while the Raiders got just enough offense to close out the win.

Freshman Ainslie Stark led Trimble with 18 points and classmate Kendra Mahoney scored five.

Trimble travels to Eminence on Friday. Carroll hosts Henry County on Friday.

— Madison defeated Switzerland County 41-24 in eighth grade girls basketball on Tuesday.

Natty Montgomery had 15 points and six rebounds for the Lady Bears and Izzy True had 13 points and seven rebounds. Madison Spilman scored seven points and had five rebounds for the Pacers and Ashlyn Jesop had six points and eight rebounds.

Madison also won the seventh grade game 33-29. Mattie Floyd had 15 points and nine rebounds for Madison and Daylee Smith scored 11 points. Rylen Kitts had 20 points for the Pacers.

Madison swept past South Dearborn at home on Wednesday.

The seventh grade won 36-8 with Kenzie Randall and Chevy Grubbs each scoring eight points and pulling down five rebounds. Maggie Stivers had six points and 10 rebounds.

The eighth grade won 42-6. Montgomery had 19 points and six steals and True had 18 points and six rebounds.

— Southwestern's boys "C" basketball team defeated Jac-Cen-Del 48-29 at home on Monday.

Colton Thornton had 11 points for the Rebels and Ryker Williams scored 10.

— Shawe seventh grade boys basketball defeated Assumption (Ky.) 48-43 on Wednesday.

Clark Nichter had 17 points for the Hilltoppers and Tanner Sims and Patrick Kahn scored seven each.

— Trimble County defeated Carroll County 55-32 in jayvee boys basketball on Monday.

Zach Rice had 22 points for the Raiders and Trenton Keller scored 16. No results were available for Carroll County.

Report: Colts owner Irsay found unresponsive, struggling to breathe

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — First responders found Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay unresponsive and struggling to breathe in early December when they responded to an emergency call from inside the home, TMZ.com reported Wednesday.

The online outlet cited police records from Carmel, Indiana, a northern suburb of Indianapolis, that detailed the Dec. 8 incident. TMZ.com said the police report revealed Irsay had a "blue skin tone" when they arrived and he was treated with Narcan, a medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose. Eventually, he was transported to a hospital.

Irsay has a history of addiction to pain killers and has publicly addressed the problems he has faced, most recently in November when he told HBO Sports he had sought treatment at least 15 times.

Earlier this month, Irsay cancelled a performance in Los Angeles with the Jim Irsay Band because of what team officials described as a severe respiratory illness. When asked for an update on Irsay's condition last week, general manager Chris Ballard said he was stable and he was getting through it.

On Wednesday, the Colts issued another statement.

"Mr. Irsay continues to recover from his respiratory illness," it read. "We will have no further comment on his personal health and we continue to ask that Jim and his family's privacy be respected."

The 64-year-old Irsay received a six-game suspension and was fined $500,000 by the NFL after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor count of operating a vehicle while intoxicated in September 2014. He was arrested six months earlier when Carmel officers spotted him driving unusually near his home. During a search of the car, police found a variety of prescription drugs and $29,000 in cash.

UConn new No. 1 after upset-filled week

Gonzaga out for first time since 2016

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Connecticut has followed last year's run to the NCAA championship with its first No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll in nearly 15 years, while Gonzaga has fallen out of the AP Top 25 for the first time in eight years.

The Huskies moved to the top of the latest poll after a tumultuous and upset-filled week across the sport, which included five new teams entering the rankings Monday. UConn claimed 39 of 63 first-place votes to climb three spots and replace Purdue at the top after the Boilermakers' loss at Nebraska dropped them to No. 2.

This marks the first time UConn has hit No. 1 in the AP Top 25 since spending four weeks there in the second half of the 2008-09 season, which ended with the Huskies reaching the Final Four.

"Some people don't want the target," coach Dan Hurley said Sunday about the potential of reaching No. 1. "I think we embrace the target at UConn."

Purdue claimed 20 first-place votes, followed by Kansas — the poll's only team to stay in place from last week — holding three first-place votes despite a loss at UCF.

There was also North Carolina's three-spot jump to No. 4 after beating rival North Carolina State for its third Atlantic Coast Conference road win in as many tries and blowing out Syracuse at home. UNC even picked up a first-place vote.

ZAGS' FALL

Gonzaga fell out from No. 23 after a loss at Santa Clara, marking the first time Mark Few's club has been unranked since the final two months of the 2015-16 season.

That ended a stretch of 143 consecutive weeks in the poll, with 39 of those coming at No. 1 — notably with that wire-to-wire run in the 2020-21 season that ended with Gonzaga suffering its only loss in the NCAA title game to Baylor.

CHAOTIC

The past week turned into a trap-filled slate for the AP Top 25 teams. Eight of the top 10 teams lost at least once, notably with No. 5 Houston losing two games by a combined five points for its first setbacks of the year.

But with 15 ranked teams losing last week, that insulated some teams from falling as much, with everyone around them also stumbling. That ultimately meant the Cougars dropped just three spots to No. 5, while Purdue, No. 6 Tennessee and No. 8 Kentucky fell just one or two spots after their own losses to unranked teams.

THE TOP TIER

Duke rose four spots to No. 7 to return to the top 10 after starting the year at No. 2, followed by the Wildcats, No. 9 Baylor and No. 10 Memphis.

RISING AND SLIDING

Ten teams moved up in this week's poll, with the Bears' jump of five spots marking the biggest of the week. No. 11 Wisconsin, No. 16 Utah State and No. 18 Creighton joined the Blue Devils with a four-spot jump.

Oklahoma and Marquette had the week's biggest tumbles, each falling six spots. The 15th-ranked Sooners fell after road losses to TCU and Kansas, while the 17th-ranked Golden Eagles lost at home to Butler.

No. 12 Arizona and No. 14 Illinois each fell four spots, while a total of nine teams slid from last week's poll.

WELCOME AND SO LONG

No. 19 TCU made the biggest debut to lead the week's five newcomers to the poll after wins against Oklahoma and Houston.

No. 21 Dayton, No. 22 Mississippi, No. 24 Iowa State and No. 25 Texas Tech were the other new additions, with all but the Rebels making their first appearance for this season.

Colorado State (No. 17), San Diego State (No. 19), Clemson (No. 21) and Texas (No. 25) joined the Zags in falling out of the poll.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12 represented almost a third of this Top 25, with a national-best eight teams.

The Southeastern Conference was next with four teams, followed by the Big Ten and Big East with three, the Atlantic Coast and American Athletic conferences with two, and one each for the Pac-12, Atlantic-10 and Mountain West.

Some of college basketball's great regular-season games have shaped the AP Top 25

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

The court stood in the middle of the Astrodome, which touted itself as the "Eighth Wonder of the World," and even the fans who shelled out the big bucks for the best seats in the house needed binoculars to see the action 40 yards away.

It was called "The Game of the Century," and on Jan. 20, 1968, it lived up to the billing.

In a rematch of the previous year's national semifinal, No. 1 UCLA led by Lew Alcindor — later Kareem Abdul-Jabbar — played No. 2 Houston and star Elvin Hayes in the first game broadcast nationally in primetime. The two college basketball titans went back and forth until Hayes made two late free throws to help the Cougars end the Bruins' 47-game winning streak.

"There were 52,000 at the game, but now you'd think there were 200,000 people there that night," Hayes told The Associated Press years later. "Everywhere I go, I run into people who remember so much about it."

As the AP Top 25 celebrates its 75th anniversary, it is worth reflecting on some of the great games that shaped the poll, all of them during the regular season. There have been 43 games pitting the nation's top two teams, most recently Gonzaga's victory over UCLA on Nov. 23, 2021.

Seven of the 1-2 matchups have been for the national title and a further eight played in the Final Four, though those would have had no bearing on the poll because they were played after the final rankings were released for the season. For the purposes of this exercise, that also would eliminate seminal games like Magic Johnson and Michigan State against Larry Bird and Indiana State in the 1979 NCAA title game, or Texas Western's all-Black lineup facing Kentucky for the 1966 championship.

Rather, here are some of the great games played during the regular season that AP voters would have had to consider:

MICHIGAN 80, PRINCETON 78

Dec. 30, 1964

In the finals of the Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden, Princeton star (and future U.S. senator) Bill Bradley poured in 41 points to give the Tigers a 12-point lead over the No. 1 Wolverines. But when he fouled out with less than 5 minutes to go, Cazzie Russell rallied Michigan to victory. The two met again in the NCAA semifinals and the Wolverines won in a rout.

NOTRE DAME 71, UCLA 70

Jan. 19, 1974

The Bruins had won 88 straight games, a streak that might never be matched, before coach Digger Phelps and the Fighting Irish pulled off the upset. John Shumate and Gary Brokaw led the way against mighty UCLA star Bill Walton, though he would get his revenge. The Bruins won a rematch at Pauley Pavilion a week later.

CHAMINADE 77, VIRGINIA 72

Dec. 23, 1982

With all due respect to recent No. 16 seeds that triumphed in the NCAA Tournament, this remains the biggest upset in college basketball history. The Silverswords, an NAIA school of fewer than 900 students, had just lost to tiny Wayland Baptist a couple of days earlier before taking down the top-ranked Cavaliers, led by 7-foot-4 star Ralph Sampson.

UNLV 112, ARKANSAS 105

Feb. 10, 1991

Arkansas led by four at halftime inside deafening Barnhill Arena before the team of Larry Johnson, Greg Anthony and Stacey Augmon silenced the crowd with an absolute dismantling of the Hogs. Jerry Tarkanian's team beat Nolan Richardson's bunch at its own game, turning "40 Minutes of Hell" into a hellish night for the Razorbacks.

KENTUCKY 99, LSU 95

Feb. 15, 1994

It became known as the "Mardi Gras Miracle," at least by those in Kentucky, and for years it was the biggest comeback in college basketball history. The Wildcats trailed by 31 points with 15 minutes left when Walter McCarty, Jeff Brassow and Travis Ford led them on a 62-27 charge for the miraculous victory.

DUKE 85, NORTH CAROLINA 84

Feb. 9, 2012

It would be a "great games" list without one matchup along Tobacco Road. The Tar Heels had won a school-record 31 straight at home, and they had the Blue Devils down by 10 with a 2 ½ minutes to go, before Austin Rivers capped an unlikely rally with a swished a 3-pointer over 7-footer Tyler Zeller at the buzzer.

KANSAS 109, OKLAHOMA 106, 3 OT

Jan. 5, 2016

Rarely do opposing players get standing ovations at Allen Fieldhouse, but that's exactly what the Sooners' Buddy Hield received after a 46-point performance against Kansas. His eight 3-pointers kept second-ranked Oklahoma within striking distance of the top-ranked Jayhawks, but Perry Ellis and Co. proved to be too much at the end.

Williams leaves USC, enters NFL draft

BY GREG BEACHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Caleb Williams has formally entered the NFL draft, leaving Southern California after two prolific seasons.

Williams made his long-anticipated announcement on social media Monday, the final day for underclassmen to enter the draft.

He is widely considered the favorite to be the No. 1 selection in the draft, which begins April 25. The Chicago Bears currently hold the top pick.

"I still have a lot to learn and I'm ready to do whatever it takes," Williams wrote on his Instagram post announcing the decision. "As a kid, I said this is what I was going to do for the rest of my life, but I didn't work this hard just to reach this point. I will continue my journey to make that little kid proud of the man I will be for many years to come. I'm excited for the future, and I am officially declaring for the NFL draft."

Williams passed for 10,082 yards with 93 touchdowns and 14 interceptions during three collegiate seasons at Oklahoma and USC. He became the Trojans' eighth Heisman Trophy winner in 2022 after following coach Lincoln Riley from Norman to the West Coast, and he put up another superlative statistical season last fall even while the Trojans struggled in an 8-5 season.

The Washington, D.C.-area native is considered one of the top quarterback prospects to enter the NFL in recent seasons. With a strong arm, superb elusiveness and playmaking acumen, Williams led the Trojans to a massive one-year improvement and a Cotton Bowl berth during his Heisman season.

The Trojans were much worse in the just-completed season largely due to one of the worst defenses in college football, but Williams still showcased enough of his remarkable talent to remain the most desired quarterback in the nation.

Williams' well-rounded skill set also includes the ability to rush for 21 touchdowns in the past two seasons at USC, even though he doesn't see himself as a running quarterback.

The Bears will have the first chance to add Williams as the centerpiece of their roster, but Justin Fields has been their starter for most of the past three seasons since they drafted him No. 11 overall. The second pick in the draft is held by Williams' hometown Washington Commanders, and rebuilding New England is third.

Although Williams waited until the last day to declare for the draft, the Trojans have anticipated his departure for months. Williams didn't play in the Holiday Bowl, where backup Miller Moss threw a bowl-record six touchdown passes and emerged as the surprising front-runner to replace Williams at USC in the fall.

Siakam sent to Pacers for 3 1st-rounders

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Pascal Siakam was traded to the Indiana Pacers on Wednesday night, ending a run of nearly eight years with the Toronto Raptors during which he was a two-time All-NBA selection, two-time All-Star and part of the team that won the 2019 NBA title.

His next chapter: teaming up with All-Star guard Tyrese Haliburton on a Pacers team that started the day as the highest-scoring club in the NBA and now has even more offensive firepower for the second half of the season.

It took Indiana a sizable amount of draft capital — three first-round picks — to get the deal done, but the Pacers also managed to hang on to their four leading scorers this season and add another star to the mix.

"We're incredibly excited to welcome Pascal to Indiana," Pacers President Kevin Pritchard said. "As a two-time All-NBA selection and two-time NBA All Star, Pascal is a player that our organization has long admired and respected. We feel that his unique offensive skillset will complement our style of play, while his defensive versatility will be a valuable asset to our team."

Siakam leaves Toronto fifth on the team's career list in games and points, plus third in rebounds and 10th in steals.

"Pascal is a champion, an integral part of winning teams and an example of what can be achieved with dedication, perseverance, hard work and tenacity," Raptors President Masai Ujiri said. "We're lucky to have seen Pascal develop into the man and player that he is today — and we are grateful for everything he has done for our city and for our franchise."

Indiana sent a pair of players with NBA championship rings, guard Bruce Brown and forward Jordan Nwora, to Toronto. Guard Kira Lewis, who was acquired earlier Wednesday by Indiana from New Orleans in a deal that helped make the Siakam trade possible, also went to the Raptors.

"Pascal is just a pure basketball junkie," Toronto coach Darko Rajakovi said Wednesday night before his team topped the Miami Heat. "He is the first one to show up in the gym, the last one to leave. He was always coachable, always professional since Day 1. ... I can only be thankful and grateful for all of his contributions to our team this season."

New Orleans also gave up a second-round pick and got a sizable prize back for its involvement: The Pelicans are now below the luxury tax threshold.

"We wish him the best," Pelicans coach Willie Green said about Lewis. "Unfortunately, it didn't work out the way we wanted it to here."

The deal is a huge move for Indiana, the NBA's highest-scoring team this season. The Pacers entered Wednesday at No. 6 in the Eastern Conference and soon will get to pair Siakam alongside Haliburton, who has been out with a hamstring issue but could return as early as Thursday. He's listed as questionable for Indiana's game at Sacramento.

Siakam, 29, is in the final year of his contract, which pays him nearly $38 million this season, and becomes eligible this summer to sign a five-year deal that could be worth as much as $247 million. The Pacers are expected to at least consider giving Siakam such a deal.

Siakam was averaging 22.2 points this season, and he has averaged 17.4 points and 6.5 rebounds in his career. He was an All-Star in 2020 and 2023 and was the last starter from Toronto's title team still with the franchise.

It is the second significant trade made by the Raptors in less than three weeks, after moving OG Anunoby, Precious Achiuwa and Malachi Flynn to New York for RJ Barrett and Immanuel Quickley in late December.

Brown will be joining his fifth different team once he arrives in Toronto, after stints with Detroit, Brooklyn, Denver and the Pacers. He was averaging a career-best 12.1 points this season, his sixth in the NBA.

Nwora averaged 5.2 points with the Pacers this season. Lewis appeared in 118 games — all in a reserve role — over parts of four seasons with the Pelicans and was averaging 2.9 points this season.

To facilitate it all and clear the spot needed to bring in Lewis in the first trade, the Pacers waived veteran forward James Johnson in what was solely a procedural move. He had appeared in five games with Indiana since getting signed in mid-December and is expected to re-join the Pacers once he clears waivers because a roster spot would then be open.

Markkanen, Sexton lead streaking Jazz past Pacers

BY MATTHEW COLES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALT LAKE CITY — Lauri Markkanen had 32 points and 10 rebounds, Collin Sexton scored a season-high 30 and the Utah Jazz routed the Indiana Pacers 132-105 on Monday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Keyonte George had 19 points and Jordan Clarkson added 17 for the Jazz, who shot 55.6%. They led wire-to-wire for the second time this season — the other one was Nov. 1.

Utah (22-20) has won nine straight at home by an average of 16.8 points.

Before the game, Indiana coach Rick Carlisle compared Markkanen to Hall of Famer Dirk Nowitzki.

"He's the closest thing that I've seen to Nowitzki — just in terms of a 7-footer that can really stretch the game out and play inside," Carlisle said.

That was just the latest in a string of recent accolades for the Jazz forward, who then showed his versatility on the court against the Pacers (23-17).

Last week, Markkanen was named Finland's 2023 Athlete of the Year, and he was selected Western Conference Player of the Week by the NBA for Jan. 8-14.

Markkanen has heard the comparison to Nowitzki before but says he can only be himself.

"I don't think it's easy to live up to that but I think there are similar similarities. Still, a long way to go. So it's nice for him say and it gives me more motivation to get better," Markkanen said.

Known as mild-mannered and humble, Markkanen is finally letting more of his personality show on the court.

Browns coach Stefanski shakes up offensive staff

BY TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — For the second straight year, Browns coach Kevin Stefanski has made a major offseason change to his staff.

Offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt has parted ways with the team, leaving just days after Cleveland was blown out in the wild-card round by Houston and following a season in which the Browns were ravaged by injuries.

A team spokesman confirmed Wednesday that Van Pelt is no longer with the Browns. Also, Stefanski fired running backs coach Stump Mitchell and tight ends coach T.C. McCartney was not retained after his contract expired.

The shakeup might not be over as the Browns continue to hold staff evaluations.

They've quickly moved on from Mitchell and are interviewing Duce Staley to be his replacement. The 48-year-old Staley was most recently an assistant head coach and running backs coach with Carolina before being fired.

Following a 7-10 season in 2022, Stefanski fired defensive coordinator Joe Woods and special teams coordinator Mike Priefer. Those moves led to the hiring of Jim Schwartz, who turned Cleveland's defense into one of the NFL's best this season, and Bubba Ventrone, who dramatically improved special teams.

Van Pelt's departure is a surprise. It was immediately known if he was fired or resigned.

He and Stefanski appeared to have a strong relationship, and just last week Van Pelt praised his boss for the job he did during a challenging season.

"He's awesome," Van Pelt said of Stefanski, who has led the Browns to the playoffs twice in four seasons. "I've enjoyed every second with him. He's coached a lot of football, different schemes. His ability to change on a dime based on who this player, his starter is at quarterback I thought has been really remarkable.

"But the message, the culture he's built here over the last four years, I'm really proud to be on his staff."

However, while Van Pelt helped in putting game plans together, Stefanski handled all play-calling duties on game day. Van Pelt may have wanted an increased role and wasn't going to get it with the Browns.

It's also possible Stefanski is looking for someone to help him better suit Cleveland's offense to quarterback Deshaun Watson, who made just six starts before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury and undergoing surgery.

All three assistants had been with Stefanski since he was hired in 2020.

The Browns went 11-6 and made the playoffs this season despite a wave of injuries and having to start five quarterbacks. However, they were abruptly bounced from the playoffs on Saturday, losing 45-14 to the Houston Texans.

Stefanski said Sunday that some of his assistants would be leaving for other opportunities in the coming weeks.

Mitchell, a former NFL running back, just completed his fourth season with the Browns. He spent much of the season trying to help the team cope with the loss of star Nick Chubb, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in Week 2.

Mitchell has coached in the league for more than two decades.

McCartney helped develop David Njoku into one of the league's best tight ends. Njoku finished with career highs in catches (81), yards (882) and touchdowns (6) this season.

Cleveland's offense was in constant flux from the opener.

The Browns lost Watson to a shoulder injury in November, and the team signed free agent Joe Flacco, who went 4-1 as a starter and surpassed expectations before he threw two pick-6s against the Texans. Cleveland also played much of the season with backups at both starting tackle spots.

Mark Campbell
Trimble County's Ainslie Stark dives into the bleachers after a ball as Carroll County's Mallory Noble (5) defends.

GIRLS

FROM **PAGE B1**

MADISON SKID REACHES 10

Madison girls basketball suffered a 72-37 loss at Class 3A No. 9 Scottsburg on Tuesday, the team's 10th-straight setback.

Juliana Davis led the Cubs with 22 points, four steals and three rebounds while Addison Roark had seven points and three rebounds. Mylee McQueary added five points and six rebounds.

The current losing streak is Madison's longest since dropping 11-straight during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons and those streaks are tied with a skid in 1987-88 for the longest in program history.

Madison, now 7-12 on the season, hosts Columbus East on Saturday and North Harrison next Tuesday.

FIGHT

FROM **PAGE B1**

on Saturday and travel to Franklin next Wednesday.

MEN FALL TO FRANKLIN

Hanover's men suffered their third loss in the past five games in a 72-67 setback at Franklin on Wednesday.

The game was nip-and-tuck the entire way with seven ties and eight lead changes. Franklin took the lead for good with 5:48 to play and pushed the margin to eight in the closing seconds.

Coleman Sater had 15 points and Ty Houston 13 to lead Hanover.

Hanover, now 10-6 overall and 6-3 in the HCAC, hosts Earlham on Saturday and hosts Franklin next Wednesday.

REBEL

FROM **PAGE B1**

medley relay in 2:10.04 and with Riley Crawford and Alexis-Dean Wells to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:49.75.

Despite the Rebels' individual success, Southwestern finished second in the team standings with 72 points. Milan used its depth to win the ORVC title with 89 points while Switzerland County placed third with 62.

Shawe's Matthew Vaughn claimed victory in the boys 200 freestyle in 1:53.10 while Switzerland County's Caleb Ridener won the boys 200 individual medley in 2:17.04.

Milan won the boys team championship with 115 points while South Ripley was second with 57 and Rising Sun was third with 37. Switzerland placed fourth with 37 and Shawe was fifth with 12.

Other finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Riley Crawford, second, 50 free, 27.60 and third, 200 free, 2:17.37; Watson, fourth, 500 free, 7:10.61 and fifth, 100 breast, 1:34.13; and Dean-Wells, sixth, 100 back, 1:22.24 and sixth, 50 free, 31.05.

Finishes for the Switzerland County girls were: Kaelin Taylor, second, 500 free, 6:19.71 and fourth, 200 free, 2:26.15; Molly Hicks, second, 100 back, 1:16.26 and third, 200 IM, 2:46.44; Eva Hicks, second, 100 breast, 1:27.65; Molly Hicks, Eva Hicks, Kaelin Taylor and Piper Taylor, second, 200 free relay, 2:03.35; Kaelin Taylor, Eva Hicks, Ava Cole and Piper Taylor, second, 400 free relay, 4:39.12; Cole, third, 50 free, 28.30 and third, 100 fly, 1:15.05; Piper Taylor, third, 100 free, 1:04.45; and Cole, Eva Hicks, Molly Hicks and Piper Taylor, third, 200 medley relay, 2:16.38.

Other finishes for Switzerland County's boys were: Ridener, second, 100 back, 1:03.92; Derek Hoskins, third, 100 fly, 1:04.21 and fourth, 100 breast, 1:19.03; Ridener, Seth Burke, Harlowe Haines and Hoskins, third, 200 free relay, 2:01.68 and fourth, 200 medley relay, 2:11.57; Haines, fourth, 500 free, 7:15.87 and sixth, 200 free, 2:35.13; and Burke, 10th, 50 free, 35.98 and 14th, 100 free, 1:30.99.

Other finishes for Shawe's boys were: Vaughn, second, 100 free, 50.51; and Orin Elkins, seventh, 100 free, 1:06.51 and eighth, 50 free, 29.70.

Finishes for Southwestern's boys were: Robert De Paz Gonzalez, 11th, 50 free, 37.59 and 13th, 100 free, 1:30.54; Shane Hardy, 11th, 100 free, 1:25.59 and 12th, 50 free, 37.92; and Forrest Deutscher, 12th, 100 free, 1:27.53 and 13th, 50 free, 40.13.

Southwestern hosted Shawe on Tuesday and Thursday and hosts Shawe and Switzerland County in the Anderson Invitational on Saturday.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY OF TAX RATES CHARGED

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Duplicates for the several taxing units of Jefferson County, Indiana for the year of 2023 payable in 2024 are now in the hands of the County Treasurer, who is ready to receive the taxes charged thereon. The following table shows the rate of taxation on each $100.00 worth of taxable real and personal property. The taxes are delinquent after May 10, 2024, and November 12, 2024.

TAX RATES CHARGED FOR YEAR 2023 PAYABLE IN THE YEAR 2024	TOWNSHIPS										CORPORATIONS			
	Graham	Hanover	Lancaster	Madison	Milton	Monroe	Republcn	Saluda	Shelby	Smyrna	Brooksburg	Dupont	Hanover	Madison
County General	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885	0.5885
Health	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032
Property Reassessment (2015)	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112	0.0112
Cumulative Bridge	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600
Cum Capital Development	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226	0.0226
Cumulative Courthouse	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090	0.0090
Election	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098	0.0098
Cemetary Board	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017	0.0017
Cumulative Voting Machine	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065
Cumulative Jail	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153	0.0153
TOTAL COUNTY	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278	0.7278
Township General	0.0327	0.0278	0.0461	0.0131	0.0327	0.0836	0.0268	0.0458	0.0574	0.0256	0.0327	0.0461	0.0278	0.0131
Township Assistance	0.0130	0.0167	0.0101	0.0131	0.0053	0.0168	0.0268	0.0118	0.0000	0.0051	0.0053	0.0101	0.0167	0.0131
Fire & EMS	0.0186	0.0358	0.0230	0.0510	0.0350	0.0358	0.0289	0.0344	0.0263	0.0381				
Cum Fire (Twp)							0.0328			0.0146				
Park & Rec								0.0118						
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	0.0643	0.0803	0.0792	0.0772	0.0730	0.1362	0.1153	0.1038	0.0837	0.0834	0.0380	0.0562	0.0445	0.0262
Debt Service	0.3845	0.1851	0.3845	0.3845	0.3845	0.3845	0.1851	0.1851	0.3845	0.1851	0.3845	0.3845	0.1851	0.3845
Pension Debt	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000			0.0000	
Education	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Operations	0.5973	0.9856	0.5973	0.5973	0.5973	0.5973	0.9856	0.9856	0.5973	0.9856	0.5973	0.5973	0.9856	0.5973
TOTAL SCHOOL	0.9818	1.1707	0.9818	0.9818	0.9818	0.9818	1.1707	1.1707	0.9818	1.1707	0.9818	0.9818	1.1707	0.9818
Library	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041
TOTAL LIBRARY	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041	0.1041
Corporation General											0.5183	0.2608	0.3468	1.0824
Park & Recreation													0.0612	0.0921
Cum Capital Development													0.0500	0.0334
Lease Rental Payment														0.0592
Aviation														0.0285
TOTAL CORPORATION											0.5183	0.2608	0.4580	1.2956
Solid Waste District	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144	0.0144
Stucker Fork Consv 0.0072														
TOTAL TAX RATE	1.8924	2.0973	1.9073	1.9063	1.9011	1.9643	2.1323	2.1208	1.9118	2.1004	2.3844	2.1451	2.5195	3.1499

State of Indiana, Jefferson County: I, Heather Huff, Auditor of Jefferson County, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all tax levies for the taxes collectible in the year 2024.

Heather Huff, Auditor

hspaxlp

COVID-19 sidelines Pitino for Seton Hall game

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — St. John's coach Rick Pitino is recovering from COVID-19 and will miss his team's game against Seton Hall on Tuesday night, the school announced.

Pitino's absence was announced about three hours before tipoff. Associate coach Steve Masiello will serve as the Red Storm's acting coach against the first-place Pirates (12-5, 5-1 Big East) and will handle media responsibilities.

The 71-year-old Pitino is in his first season at St. John's (12-5, 4-2). One of the winningest coaches in NCAA Division I history, he was hired March 20 after spending three seasons at Iona.

During his 35 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Pitino has made 23 NCAA Tournament appearances with five different schools and advanced to the Final Four seven times, a total reached by only six coaches all-time.

He became the first coach to take three different schools to the Final Four and the first coach to win an NCAA championship at two different schools — Louisville and Kentucky.

The Red Storm's next game is Saturday against No. 17 Marquette at Madison Square Garden.

SERVICES

We Buy & Haul Scrap Cars & Trucks 1-812-933-8151

INDIANA LAND COMPANY OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE
(812) 923-9823 &
(812) 246-1500
www.indianalandcompany.com
LEXINGTON 4 ½ ACRES MODULAR HOME WITH BARN FENCED $179,900
SCOTT CO. 4 ¾ ACRES ALL WOODS BACKS UP TO CREEK HWY 356 $43,900
LEXINGTON 4 ACRES ROBBINS RD OPEN/WOODS SMALL CREEK $69,900
BLOCHER 5 ¾ ACRES WOODS SEPTIC APPROVED JEFF. CO. $49,900
LEXINGTON 5 ¾ ACRES WOODED HWY 356 FLAT DRIVE CUT IN $56,900
SCOTT CO. 3 ¾ ACRES ALL WOODS ON HARDY MILL ROAD $34,900
SALEM 4 ½ ACRES OPEN FRONT WOODS BACK SEPTIC APPROVED $43,900
LEXINGTON 2 ¾ ACRES ALL WOODS HWY 356 UTILS AT THE ROAD $31,900
SOUTH BOSTON 1 ½ ACRES WOODED WITH UTILS AT THE ROAD $29,900
SALEM 1 ½ ACRES WOODED UTILS AT ROAD OFF HWY 160 $29,900

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
SS:
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE NUMBER 39C01-2401-EU-000001
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF NANCY A. SPIVEY, DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE,
508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. SPIVEY, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Louise R. Everhart was, on the 12th day of January, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Nancy A. Spivey, deceased, who died on the 5th day of December, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 12th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
(SEAL)
hspaxlp

SERVICES

Lucinda's Restorations
General Contractor
Wallcovering, Installation & Removal, Painting, Carpentry, Drywall, Window Treatments
Need Something Else, Just Ask! (812)873-4076 or (812)371-1383
lucindarestorations@gmail.com
Consulting- Free Estimates.

LEGAL

Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District 75th Annual Meeting
The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their 75th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 21st beginning at 5:30 pm at the Jefferson County SWCD Office, Conference room, 3767 West SR 256, Madison. This event will be free to the community and snacks will be provided but we do ask that you RSVP by February 14th. This will be a regular business meeting with the Annual Report present and an election will be held. You can RSVP to (812) 265-7609 or Kristin.miller@jeffersoncounty.in.gov.
hspaxlp

MADISON COURIER
CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

Publication Date	Deadline
Tuesday	Thursday 4 PM
Friday	Tuesday 4 PM

Contact Customer Service at
(812) 265-3641 • classifieds@madisoncourier.com
Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM
*Holidays advance deadlines by 24 hours.

www.madisoncourier.com

LEGAL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Madison, Indiana until **2:00 P.M.** local time on the **30th day of January, 2024** in the City Clerk's Office 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, for the construction of the following project:
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA 2023-2 COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT FUNDED STREET PAVING PROJECT
This project consists in general of the milling and HMA resurfacing of various City streets, as well as full-depth patching, concrete curb replacement, concrete sidewalk replacement, concrete driveway apron replacement and all other items mentioned in these specifications to result in a complete project.
At the hour of **2:00 P.M.** local time on the **30th day of January, 2024** all bids for this construction will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The bids shall be Unit Price for all work called for in the specifications with unit prices for extras as detailed in the Instructions to Bidders in the specifications and submitted in duplicate on the State Board of Accounts Form No. 96. An executed State Board of Accounts Form 96a or similar document shall be required.
The bidder must file with their sealed bid proposal, a certified check or a bid bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the total bid, payable to the City of Madison. The above checks or bonds are to insure the execution of the contract on which such bids are made.
The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish, before commencing work, a performance, maintenance and payment bond to extend for a period of one year after final acceptance, in an amount equal to the bid price of the contract awarded to said Contractor and Certificates of all Insurance as described in the Contract Documents.
As a requirement of the Community Crossings Grant funding utilized for this project, the prime contractor to whom the work is awarded must be prequalified with INDOT. Subcontractors can enter into subcontracts up to $300,000 without being prequalified with INDOT; however, the subcontractor is limited to a total of $300,000 in unearned work under contract on any given date with any owner, contractor, or other party.
The Contract Documents, including the Specifications are on file for public inspection at City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250.
Electronic copies of these documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the office of Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 1829 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana, by payment of a non-refundable plan fee of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for each set of bid documents. Checks for the plan fee shall be made out to Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Inc. The electronic documents will be provided by email in PDF format. Requests for bid documents shall be made to Lee Anne Johnson, **l.johnson@jtleng.com**.
All sealed bids shall be turned in to the office of the City Clerk, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, Indiana 47250 by no later than 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. At 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, the bids will be opened and read aloud.
The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Madison, Indiana, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in bidding.
CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MAYOR BOB COURTNEY, PRESIDENT

PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL **1-800-489-8032** TO PLACE YOUR AD IN PRINT AND ONLINE IN INDIANA

0100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

4G LTE Home Internet Now Available! Get GotW3 with lightning fast speeds plus take your service with you when you travel! As low as $109.99/mo! 1-877-327-0930

4G LTE Home Internet Now Available! Get GotW3 with lightning fast speeds plus take your service with you when you travel! As low as $109.99/mo! 1-877-327-0930

ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 855-965-4916

ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 855-965-4916

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920 Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution Call for Your Free Author`s Guide 1-888-965-1444 or visit dorranceinfo.com/hoosier

Become a Published Author. We want to Read Your Book! Dorrance Publishing-Trusted by Authors Since 1920 Book manuscript submissions currently being reviewed. Comprehensive Services: Consultation, Production, Promotion and Distribution Call for Your Free Author`s Guide 1-888-965-1444 or visit dorranceinfo.com/hoosier

Choose EarthLink Fiber Internet for speeds up to 5 Gigs, no data caps, no throttling. Prices starting at $54.95. Plus, a $100 gift card when you make the switch. Call 1-833-754-0929

Choose EarthLink Fiber Internet for speeds up to 5 Gigs, no data caps, no throttling. Prices starting at $54.95. Plus, a $100 gift card when you make the switch. Call 1-833-754-0929

Connect to the best wireless home internet with EarthLink. Enjoy speeds from 5G and 4G LTE networks, no contracts, easy installation, and data plans up to 300 GB. Call 855-430-1496

Connect to the best wireless home internet with EarthLink. Enjoy speeds from 5G and 4G LTE networks, no contracts, easy installation, and data plans up to 300 GB. Call 855-430-1496

Denied Social Security Disability? Appeal! If you're 50+, filed for SSD and denied, our attorneys can help get you approved! No money out of pockets! Call 1-855-995-4758

Denied Social Security Disability? Appeal! If you're 50+, filed for SSD and denied, our attorneys can help get you approved! No money out of pockets! Call 1-855-995-4758

0100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIAGNOSED WITH LUNG CANCER? You may qualify for a substantial cash award – even with smoking history. NO obligation! We've recovered millions. Let us help!! Call 24/7, 844-229-7933

DIAGNOSED WITH LUNG CANCER? You may qualify for a substantial cash award – even with smoking history. NO obligation! We've recovered millions. Let us help!! Call 24/7, 844-229-7933

DIRECTV Sports Pack - 3 Months on Us! Watch pro and college sports LIVE. Plus over 40 regional and specialty networks included. NFL, College Football, MLB, NBA, NHL, Golf and more. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-885-8931

DIRECTV Sports Pack - 3 Months on Us! Watch pro and college sports LIVE. Plus over 40 regional and specialty networks included. NFL, College Football, MLB, NBA, NHL, Golf and more. Some restrictions apply. Call DIRECTV 1-888-885-8931

DURACELL. The #1 trusted battery brand now offering the M150 Portable Power Station. When fully charged the M150 provides enough power to charge all your devices - laptops, phones, tablets, earbuds and more for work and fun. Give the gift of portable power this holiday season - only $199. Go to portablepower.info/145.

DURACELL. The #1 trusted battery brand now offering the M150 Portable Power Station. When fully charged the M150 provides enough power to charge all your devices - laptops, phones, tablets, earbuds and more for work and fun. Give the gift of portable power this holiday season - only $199. Go to portablepower.info/145.

FREE high speed internet for those that qualify. Government program for recipients of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time $20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxsip Telecom today! 1-866-981-3302

FREE high speed internet for those that qualify. Government program for recipients of select programs incl. Medicaid, SNAP, Housing Assistance, WIC, Veterans Pension, Survivor Benefits, Lifeline, Tribal. 15 GB internet service. Bonus offer: Android tablet FREE with one-time $20 copay. Free shipping & handling. Call Maxsip Telecom today! 1-866-981-3302

0100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give a GREAT GIFT this Season. Send 100% guaranteed, delivered-to-the-door Omaha Steaks! This package comes with 8 FREE PureGround Filet Mignon Burgers! Order The Butcher's Deluxe Package! ONLY $99.99. Call 1-833-498-2009 and mention code 74222BRM or visit www.omahasteaks.com/Deluxe8625

Give a GREAT GIFT this Season. Send 100% guaranteed, delivered-to-the-door Omaha Steaks! This package comes with 8 FREE PureGround Filet Mignon Burgers! Order The Butcher's Deluxe Package! ONLY $99.99. Call 1-833-498-2009 and mention code 74222BRM or visit www.omahasteaks.com/Deluxe8625

Guaranteed Life Insurance! (Ages 50 to 80). No medical exam. Affordable premiums never increase. Benefits never decrease. Policy will only be cancelled for non-payment. 833-535-1043

Guaranteed Life Insurance! (Ages 50 to 80). No medical exam. Affordable premiums never increase. Benefits never decrease. Policy will only be cancelled for non-payment. 833-535-1043

HEARING AIDS!! High-quality rechargeable, powerful Audien hearing aids priced 90% less than competitors. Tiny and NEARLY INVISIBLE! 45-day money back guarantee! 877-581-1734

HEARING AIDS!! High-quality rechargeable, powerful Audien hearing aids priced 90% less than competitors. Tiny and NEARLY INVISIBLE! 45-day money back guarantee! 877-581-1734

High-Speed Internet. We instantly compare speed, pricing, availability to find the best service for your needs. Starting at $39.99/month! Quickly compare offers from top providers. Call 1-844-961-0666

High-Speed Internet. We instantly compare speed, pricing, availability to find the best service for your needs. Starting at $39.99/month! Quickly compare offers from top providers. Call 1-844-961-0666

LIVE PAIN FREE with CBD products from AceWellness. We guarantee highest quality, most competitive pricing on CBD products. Softgels, Oils, Skincare, Vape & more. Coupon Code: PRINT20 Call Now 833-226-3105

LIVE PAIN FREE with CBD products from AceWellness. We guarantee highest quality, most competitive pricing on CBD products. Softgels, Oils, Skincare, Vape & more. Coupon Code: PRINT20 Call Now 833-226-3105

Never Pay For Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. $200.00 OFF 2 FREE Months! 1-855-408-3894

0100 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Never Pay For Covered Home Repairs Again! Complete Care Home Warranty COVERS ALL MAJOR SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES. 30 DAY RISK FREE. $200.00 OFF 2 FREE Months! 1-855-408-3894

New windows from Window Nation. Special money saving offer – zero down, zero payments, zero interest for TWO years AND buy 2 windows and get 2 FREE! Offer is valid for select models. Labor not included. Other restrictions apply. Call Window Nation today! 866-553-0725

New windows from Window Nation. Special money saving offer – zero down, zero payments, zero interest for TWO years AND buy 2 windows and get 2 FREE! Offer is valid for select models. Labor not included. Other restrictions apply. Call Window Nation today! 866-553-0725

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 877-930-3271

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 877-930-3271

SERIOUSLY INJURED in an AUTO ACCIDENT? Let us fight for you! Our network has recovered millions for clients! Call today for a FREE consultation! 844-517-6414

SERIOUSLY INJURED in an AUTO ACCIDENT? Let us fight for you! Our network has recovered millions for clients! Call today for a FREE consultation! 844-517-6414

Switch and save up to $250/year on your talk, text and data. No contract and no hidden fees. Unlimited talk and text with flexible data plans. Premium nationwide coverage. 100% U.S. based customer service. For more information, call 1-855-572-5165

Switch and save up to $250/year on your talk, text and data. No contract and no hidden fees. Unlimited talk and text with flexible data plans. Premium nationwide coverage. 100% U.S. based customer service. For more information, call 1-855-572-5165

Switch to DISH and get up to a $300 gift card! Plus get the Multisport pack included for a limited time! Hurry, call for details: 1-855-551-9764

Switch to DISH and get up to a $300 gift card! Plus get the Multisport pack included for a limited time! Hurry, call for details: 1-855-551-9764

Thinking about installing a new shower? American Standard makes it easy. FREE design consultation. Enjoy your shower again! Call 1-855-475-0534 today to see how you can save $1,000 on installation, or visit www.newshowerdeal.com/hoosier

Thinking about installing a new shower? American Standard makes it easy. FREE design consultation. Enjoy your shower again! Call 1-855-475-0534 today to see how you can save $1,000 on installation, or visit www.newshowerdeal.com/hoosier

Timeshare Cancellation Experts - Over $50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 877-329-1207

Timeshare Cancellation Experts - Over $50,000,000 in timeshare debt and fees cancelled in 2019. Get free informational package and learn how to get rid of your timeshare! Free consultations. Over 450 positive reviews. Call 877-329-1207

0600 REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

MADISON- CBJ Properties One bedroom apartments on Madison Hilltop. Clean and quality maintained. Starting at $600/mo. plus electric. Laundry facilities available. References, background check and deposit required. 12-month lease only. No smoking. Call (812)265-6050 for an app.

MADISON- CHATEAU MANOR - Quiet hilltop neighborhood with sidewalks and shade trees at corner of Cragmont and Mouser. Spacious 2BR Apartments with renovated kitchen and bathroom, dishwasher, washer/dryer hookup, Abundant closet space and deck. Rent $685-725 $. Deposit $600. References required. Call (812)273-3375

VINCENNES
DALE APTS
1520 Main St
Now leasing 1 & 2 BR apts.
w/appl., total elec & CA,
laundry facilities,
off street parking.
No Pet Policy
DALE CREEK RENTALS
710 College Ave
812-882-0867
LOTS FOR SALE

VINCENNES
DALEVIEW ESTATES
Spacious 2 Bedroom Duplex Features
- Kitchen w/appliances
- Energy Efficient - Total Elec./CA
- One Car Garage
- Private Patios
- Yard (maint) Service
- No Pet Policy

DALE CREEK RENTALS
710 College Ave
812-882-0867
LOTS FOR SALE

VINCENNES-
Effic. $375. 1BR $425, 2BR $525 +deposit 812-890-7416

0600 REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

HATFIELD Indiana- 2 BR. Frg. Stove Air Conditioner gas heat and out building Rent- 550.00 270-779-0888

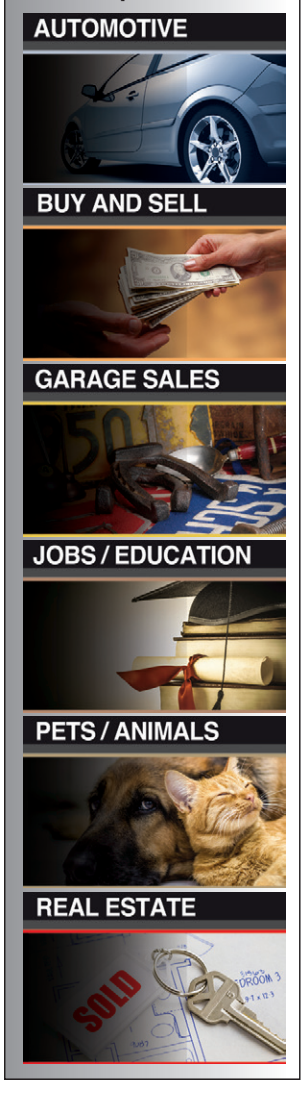
MADISON- SUGGETT SCHMIDT PROPERTIES
Quality rentals for over 30 years. Over 90 exceptionally clean well maintained conveniently located properties in Madison Very reasonably priced homes, duplexes, townhouses and apartments ranging from $725 to $1200 a month. (812)265-2020 or suggettschmidtproperties.com. Click contact us to download/fill out application.

0800 TRANSPORTATION

Buying Junk Vehicles & Runables. Starting Price $300. 812-890-7333

Show & Sell. Find & Buy.

THE CLASSIFIEDS are still the preferred local choice for buying, selling and finding the best deals in print or online.



Rangers get reliever Duarte for cash in trade with Reds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texas Rangers acquired right-handed reliever Daniel Duarte for cash in a trade with the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday.

Duarte went 3-0 with a 3.69 ERA in 31 appearances spanning five stints last season. The 27-year-old was designated for assignment Saturday when the Reds finalized a $3 million, one-year contract with free agent pitcher Brent Suter.

Originally signed by the Rangers out of Mexico in 2013, Duarte was on Cincinnati's opening day roster in 2022 but made just three appearances. He missed most of that season with an elbow injury and finished 2023 on the injured list with a shoulder issue.

Duarte, whose professional debut came in the Texas organization in 2015, shuttled between Cincinnati and Triple-A Louisville last season. He was 4-0 with a 3.34 ERA in the minors.

Texas also agreed to a minor league contract with right-hander José Ureña and invited the pitcher to major league spring training. The 32-year-old made 10 starts with Colorado and the Chicago White Sox last season, his ninth in the big leagues.

Neither snowstorm nor driving ban prevents Bills from practicing for Chiefs

BY JOHN WAWROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Despite a second major lake-effect storm hitting the Buffalo region in less than a week, Bills quarterback Josh Allen had no trouble getting to practice on Wednesday morning because much of the snow was falling north of his home.

That doesn't mean the quarterback lacks a backup plan in his neighbor, who goes by "Squirrel."

"Nope, no Squirrel yet," he said, referring to Dave "Squirrel" Winter, a retired farmer, who has dug Allen out in the past. "But I'm sure the next few days," he added, before asking how much longer the storm might last.

Informed the snow might keep falling through Friday, Allen shrugged and said: "Yeah, Buffalo weather. We'll figure it out."

The ever-resourceful Bills have become accustomed to Mother Nature throwing a snowball or two into their schedule.

It happened in 2022, when a major storm forced the Bills into relocating their home game against Cleveland to Detroit. It happened again last weekend, when a winter storm led to Buffalo's playoff-opening 31-17 win against Pittsburgh being moved from Sunday to Monday.

On Wednesday, neither frigid blowing winds, the prospect of another 2 feet of snow being dumped on the region nor an Erie County-imposed travel ban could prevent the Bills (12-6) from showing up for practice in preparation to host the Kansas City Chiefs (12-6) in a divisional round playoff game on Sunday night.

The storm is not expected to impact the game, with Sunday's forecast calling for no precipitation, with partly cloudy skies and a low of 11 degrees Fahrenheit (minus-12 Celsius). And snow removal crews were already busy at the stadium clearing parking lots and concourses.

More important for the Bills was not losing a day of meetings and practice during an already shortened week following a Monday game, and with the Chiefs rested after their 26-7 win against Miami on Saturday night.

"The sport thrives on routine," center Mitch Morse said. "Just to be able to have an opportunity to work it in person, that's great. It's just so hard to do sometimes over Zoom."

With the sun shining and major roads clear around the Bills facility in Orchard Park, coach Sean McDermott said all players were in attendance for meetings and a brief walk-through practice, which he pushed back an hour to take into account the morning snowfall.

"We prioritized the players' safety and everyone's safety as best we could here, and just a phenomenal job by everyone that's out there working so hard to clear the roads," McDermott said.

County executive Mark Poloncarz did not respond to messages from The Associated Press seeking comment on whether the Bills were given permission to violate a travel ban that included Orchard Park and its surrounding towns. Poloncarz, however, did post a comment on X, previously known as Twitter, in which he specifically thanked "most" for staying off the roads.

The storm, which spent much of the day centered on Buffalo, led to the NHL shifting the Sabres' home game against the Chicago Blackhawks from Wednesday to Thursday.

At the Bills facility, defensive tackle Ed Oliver has become adept to dealing with Buffalo storms. From Houston, Oliver said he now owns a tractor with a snowblower attached to the front, which he can direct from the driver's seat.

"I knew it was coming," the fifth-year player said, referring to the storm. "We've been spared up until this point and then, all of a sudden in typical Buffalo fashion, it decides it's gonna snow for the next week or two."

The wintry weather is new to rookie guard O'Cyrus Torrence, who's from Greensburg, Louisiana, and split his college career between Louisiana-Lafayette and Florida.

"It's a job. You gotta make sure you wake up early in the morning and see how bad it is and give yourself time to clean out and get ready," said Torrence, who woke up an hour earlier than normal to make sure he could make it to practice. "I'd be lying if I said I'm accustomed to it."

All safety Micah Hyde has known through his past seven seasons in Buffalo and first four in Green Bay is dealing with snow at this time of year.

He sighed heavily when asked if it ever gets old.

"I'm not gonna lie. When I woke up today, I was like, 'Ugh.' " Hyde said, smiling. "Yeah, I've been in it before. Obviously, this is nothing new. But that took me for a loop this morning."

FRIDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Transplant (N)		Dateline NBC (N)				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	S.W.A.T.		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Transplant (N)		Dateline NBC (N)				News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn (N)		Master..	Animals	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Comm..	Week	Benjamin Franklin				BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	S.W.A.T.		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Penn (N)		Master..	Animals	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Fri. Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	★★★ Rambo: First Blood Part II				★★★★ First Blood ('82)				★★★★ Creed ('15) (P)		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	J.Dun..
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N)		(:05) Hustlers (P)		(:10) Outback (N)		GoldR..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	★★★★ Moana ('16)			(:50) Hailey		Hailey	Hailey
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★★ Cast Away				★★★★ Avatar ('09) Zoe Saldana, Sam Worthington.						
HBO	201	17	(5:50) ★★★ The A-Team			(:55) ★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road ('15)					Real Time (SP)		True
MAX	270	73	Movie	★★★★ Scary Movie			★ Kingsman: The Secret Service				(:10) ★ Slice ('18)		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ World War Z ('13) Brad Pitt.				★ World War Z		
SHOW	221	16	★★★★ Michael Clayton ('07)				Thriller 40			★★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' ('05)			
TMC	233	74	Movie	★ Mercy ('23)			★★★★ Into the Wild ('07) Emile Hirsch.				★ Infinite Storm		
TNT	27	43	(4:30) ★ Ready Player One		★★★ Terminator: Dark Fate ('19)						Rampage (N)		Movie
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		★★★★ Batman Begins ('05) Christian Bale.						★ Blade

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Chefs	Song	America's Got		America's Got		SNL		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Sheldon	So Help Me		Fire Country		48 Hours (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	America's Got		America's Got		SNL		News
8 WISH	12		News	Inside..	The Rookie		Wild Cards		Family Law		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		(4:30) NFL Football				Will Trent		Will Trent		Will Trent		News
11 WHAS	11	4	(4:30) NFL Football				Will Trent		Will Trent		Will Trent		News
15 WKPC	13		Antiques		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	★★★★ Guys and Dolls ('55)				
19 WXIX	10		(4:30) To Be Announced			Prega..	Football Green Bay Packers at San Francisco 49ers						FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	TBA	So Help Me		Fire Country		48 Hours (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	JudgeJ..	JudgeJ..	TwoM..	TwoM..	Wild Cards		Family Law		The Rookie		9-1-1
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:30) To Be Announced			Prega..	Football Green Bay Packers at San Francisco 49ers						Floor
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..
AMC	29	26	(5:00) ★ First Blo...		★★★★ Die Hard ('88) Alan Rickman, Bruce Willis.						★★★★ Die Hard 2 ('90)		
COM	45	59	★★★ Step Brothers ('08)				★ Talladega Nights: Ballad of Ricky Bobby				★ Step Brothers		
DISC	31	38	Afraid		Afraid		Afraid "No Holds Barred"				Afraid		Afraid
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	★★★★ Coco ('17)			Hamst..	(:20) Hamster &		Kiff
ESPN	32	44	(4:30) NFL Football			Postga..	UFC 297 - Prelims (N) (Live)				Boxing	Boxing	
FREE	18	40	(3:40) ★ Pirates o...		(:15) ★★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11)							★ Armageddon	
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★★★ Ghostbusters: Afterlife				★★★ Uncharted ('22) Tom Holland. (P)					★★★★ Free Guy	
HBO	201	17	(5:45) ★ Live Free or Die Hard				★★★ RoboCop ('14) (P)				True "Part 1"		RealTi..
MAX	270	73	★ Barbershop 2: Back in Business				★★ Paranoia ('13)			(:45) ★★★★ Out of the Furnace			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(5:30) ★★★ Grumpier Old Men (P)				★★★ Grumpy Old Men ('93)					★ Grumpier Ol...	
SHOW	221	16	★★★★ World War Z ('13)				★★★ Beau Is Afraid ('23) Joaquin Phoenix.						★ Pearl
TMC	233	74	★ JFK Revisited: Through the Lo...				★ B...A... ('22)			★ Grizzly II: Re...		★ Out of the Blue	
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ★★★ Fast Five ('11)				Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)				★★★ Fast Five ('11)		
USA	26	33	(5:00) ★★★★ Batman Begins ('05)				★★★★ The Dark Knight Rises ('12) Christian Bale.						

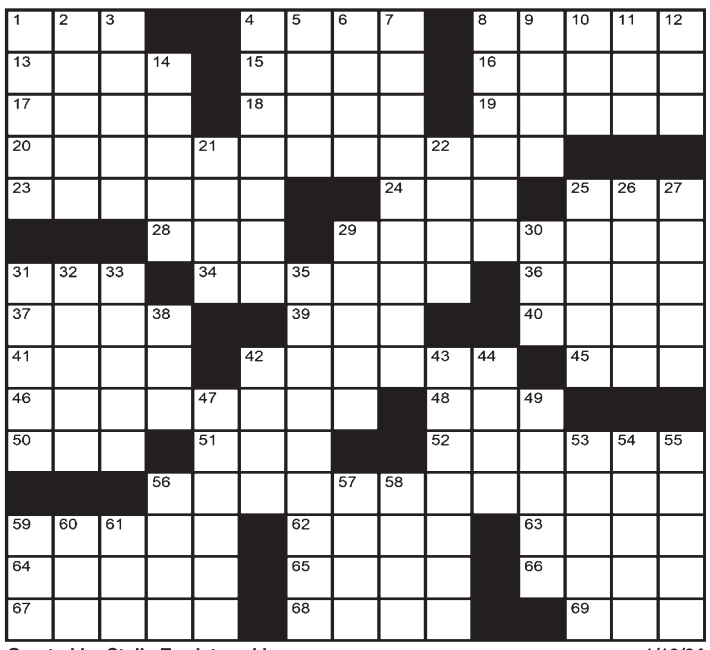
SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	(3:00) Fo..	NBCN..	TBA		TBA		TBA		TBA		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		NFL	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)							Fire Country		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		(3:00) Fo..	NBCN..	TBA		TBA		TBA		TBA		News
8 WISH	12		News	Retire..	★★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ('03)					Conners	News	Sports	News
9 WCPO	23		(4:00) TBA		Fun Videos		Fun Videos		★★★★ Soul ('20) Jamie Foxx.				News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos		Fun Videos		★★★★ Soul ('20) Jamie Foxx.				News
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Worsley		Miss Scarlet (N)		Creatures (N)		Funny Wo (N)		Wardr..
19 WXIX	10		(5:00) TBA		Simpso..	Burgers	Simpso..	Krapo..	Burgers	Grims..	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	NFL	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills (N) (Live)							Fire Country		News
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	★★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ('03)					Conners	Good Dr		House..
41 WDRB	8	9	(5:00) TBA		Simpso..	Burgers	Simpso..	Krapo..	Burgers	Grims..	WDRB News		Worry
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	★★★★ Tombstone ('93) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.						Spade (N)		(:05) ★★★★ Tombstone		
COM	45	59	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..	SouthP..
DISC	31	38	Homestead Rescue (N)				Homestead "Mesa Meltdown" (N)				Homestead		Homes..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Miraculous		★★★★ Encanto ('21)			(:45) LEGO		LEGO	Hailey
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) Basketball		Australian Open Round of 16 (N) (Live)					SportsCenter (N) (Live)			SportC..
FREE	18	40	The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		The 700 Club		700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★★★ Uncharted ('22)				★★★★ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle					★ Jumanji: Wel...	
HBO	201	17	(5:55) R..	(:55) ★★★★★ The Silence of the Lambs					True (N)		(:05) True		True
MAX	270	73	(5:50) ★★★★ Knocked Up ('07)				★★★ Blair Witch ('16)			★★★ Don't Let Go ('19)			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		BarRe..
SHOW	221	16	(4:45) ★★★★★ Titanic ('97)				Mayor of (N)		The Woman (P)		★ The Lesson ('23)		
TMC	233	74	★★★ The Whale ('22)				★★★★ Seabiscuit ('03) Tobey Maguire. (P)				★★★ Golda (P)		
TNT	27	43	(5:30) ★★★ Angel Has Fallen ('19)				★★★ White House Down ('13)				★ Independenc...		
USA	26	33	(4:25) ★ The Dark Knight Rises				★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10) Robert Downey Jr..						Movie

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	America's Got "Qualifiers 4" (N)				Traitors (N)		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Neighb..	BobHe..	NCIS		NCIS: Hawai'i		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	America's Got "Qualifiers 4" (N)				Traitors (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Ride (N) (P)		Wild Cards		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	The Bachelor (N) (SP)				Bad Rom (P)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	The Bachelor (N) (SP)				Bad Rom (P)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Kentucky (N)		The Story of ...		Independent Lens (N)		
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Wanted (N) (SP)		TMZ Invest (P)		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Neighb..	BobHe..	NCIS		NCIS: Hawai'i		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Ride (N) (P)		Wild Cards		BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Wanted (N) (SP)		TMZ Invest (P)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		Hoarders "John" (N)				Secrets of (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★★★ Groundhog Day ('93)				★★★ Sixteen Candles ('84)				★★★★ Dirty Dancing		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	SouthP..
DISC	31	38	Contraband		Contraband		Contraband		Contraband (N)		Hustlers		Caught!
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	NY-Heroez		Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		College Basketball				Basketball Cincinnati at Kansas				Sports..
FREE	18	40	(4:30) ★★★ Spider-Man 3			★★★ Armageddon ('98) Billy Bob Thornton, Bruce Willis.							700Club
FX	40	28	★★★ Daddy's Home 2 ('17)				★★ Baywatch ('17) Dwayne Johnson.					★★ Baywatch	
HBO	201	17	(5:00) ★ Empire ...		(:55) True		True "Part 2"		(:05) ★★★★ Skyfall ('12) Daniel Craig.				
MAX	270	73	(:15) ★★★★ Election ('99)				★★★ Paycheck ('03) Ben Affleck.				★ Fast Color ('18)		
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Top Gun ('86) Tom Cruise.					★★★★ Top Gun	
SHOW	221	16	(5:30) ★ Godfather, Coda: Death of ...				(:10) Halo (N)		Halo (N)		★★★ Beau Is Afraid ('23)		
TMC	233	74	★★★★ The Host ('06)				★ Semper Fi ('19)			(:40) ★ Mercy ('23)			Movie
TNT	27	43	(5:15) ★★★ White House Down				★★★★ The Martian ('15) Matt Damon.					★ Jason Bourne	
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Bar (N)

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski 1/19/24

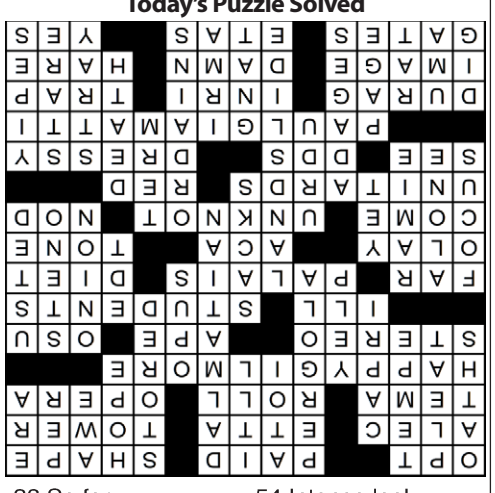
ACROSS

1 Select
4 Settled up
8 Circle or triangle
13 Actor Guinness
15 Blues singer James
16 Tall edifice
17 19-Across melody, e.g.
18 "I'm on a __!"
19 Verdi work, often
20 1996 Adam Sandler golf comedy
23 Two-part sound system
24 Tailless primate
25 The Buckeyes' sch.
28 Not feeling well
29 Teachers' charges
31 Not near
34 Home of un roi
36 Eating regimen
37 Drugstore skincare brand
39 "Obamacare": Abbr.
40 Sound quality
41 Attend
42 Detangle
45 Go-ahead
46 Tight one-piece garments
48 Blushing
50 Take a look at
51 Dentist's deg.
52 Black-tie
56 Star of "Sideways"
59 Natural hair protector
62 Letters on a cross
63 Ensnare
64 Mental picture
65 "Oh hell!"
66 Rabbit relative
67 Pearly __
68 Waze data, for short
69 "Absolutely!"

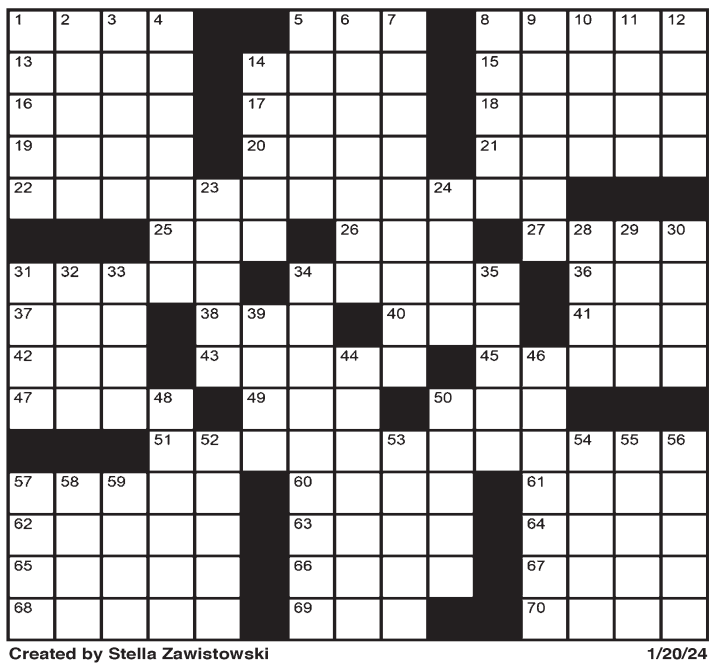
DOWN

1 Solemn vows
2 Fabric fold
3 City near Phoenix
4 Garden arch
5 Yours, in French
6 "__ work out in the end"
7 Spotted pup
8 Kept for later
9 Aspire
10 Sheer amazement
11 Unit pricing word
12 Pitcher's stat
14 Blue Grotto isle
21 Crowdsourced ratings site
22 Numbered musical work
25 Pungent veggie
26 Note taker of old
27 Spanish formal "you"
29 Burlap bags
30 Summer hrs.
31 Pay attention
32 Unaccompanied
33 Cotton-like fiber
35 Election result that's not close
38 So far
42 Language of Pakistan
43 Confers holy orders on
44 Time period
47 Old sayings
49 Demise
53 Go off the path
54 Intense look
55 "Geez Louise!"
56 Book part
57 Annoying insect
58 "__ Vep" (HBO miniseries)
59 Use a shovel
60 Actress Thurman
61 Mob snitch

Today's Puzzle Solved



THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski 1/20/24

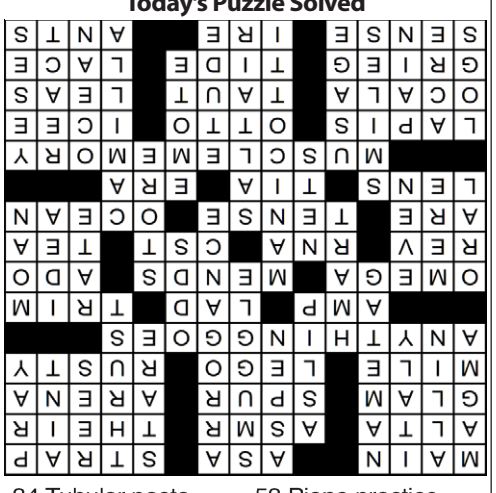
ACROSS

1 Primary
5 Botanist Gray
8 Leather strip
13 Utah ski area
14 Relaxing video genre
15 Gender-neutral possessive
16 Glitzy, informally
17 San Antonio baller
18 Big concert venue
19 5,280 feet
20 Tiny brick brand
21 Oxidized, perhaps
22 "Blow, Gabriel, Blow" musical
25 Concert equipment, for short
26 Boy
27 Adorn
31 Last Greek letter
34 Fixes by sewing
36 Big fuss
37 Pastor's title: Abbr.
38 Messenger molecule
40 Chicago hrs.
41 Hot brewed drink
42 "__ you okay?"
43 Stressed out
45 Waterfront view, often
47 Glasses part
49 Spanish aunt
50 Laundry brand
51 Ability to repeat a movement through practice
57 __ lazuli
60 __ von Bismarck
61 Frozen drink brand
62 Central Florida city
63 Pulled tight
64 Meadows
65 "Peer Gynt" composer
66 Laundry brand
67 Wedding gown fabric
68 Have a feeling
69 Anger
70 "Carpenter" insects

DOWN

1 Underground lava
2 Bold poker bet
3 Rome's country
4 Conference-goer's ID
5 "Quaking" tree
6 Illegally import
7 Egotistical quality
8 Long look
9 Violently push
10 Director Dee
11 "__ Misbehavin'"
12 Talk to God
14 __ of the tongue
23 Korean grocery chain
24 Probability
28 Velocity, e.g.
29 Brain product
30 Haunted house noise
31 Not written down
32 Only
33 Smooth-surfaced
34 Tubular pasta
35 Retail outlet
39 Brooklyn's NBA team
44 Seaside scent
46 Queen of the U.K.
48 Looks happy
50 Overact
52 Grammar topic
53 Piano practice piece
54 Salty expanse
55 Respond
56 Affirmative answers
57 Sawn timber
58 Land area unit
59 Annoyance

Today's Puzzle Solved



Pregnant woman struggles with disclosure

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I am a financially responsible and secure 24-year-old woman.

A few months ago, I discovered that I am pregnant. The father of my baby is my long-time boyfriend, "Tony," who I have been with exclusively for a couple of years.

Well, Tony is now my ex-boyfriend, I guess. He became very upset when he learned about this unplanned pregnancy (I was upset, too), and told me he would not have anything to do with the baby and said that he would demand a paternity test.

My dilemma now has to do with his parents.

They are nice people, and I've known them for a couple of years. Tony has said that he won't tell his folks about the pregnancy until after the birth and paternity is established.

There is no question that he is the father of this child, and I believe his folks should be told about the pregnancy. I don't want anything at all from them, but I assume they would want to know about the prospect of their first grandchild coming into the world.

My folks know and are very supportive and happy.

I'm wondering what you think I should do.

— Unsure

Dear Unsure: I think you should let them know about your pregnancy.

Their son might be panicking. He is definitely being a prize jerk about the prospect of becoming a father.

He has the right to have the baby's paternity verified, but given that he has at this point walked away from parenthood, you have sole responsibility for this unborn child, which means that your judgment regarding disclosure should prevail.

People do sometimes work their way back to accepting and enjoying their parenting relationship once the dust settles, and an honest, healthy and positive relationship with your child's grandparents might help "Tony" to accept his child.

It is vital that you receive accurate legal advice regarding your mutual rights and responsibilities as parents before the child is born.

Singlemothersgrants.org offers a comprehensive state-by-state guide to financial and legal assistance available to moms without partners.

'Update' inspires abused reader

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: On Sunday, I realized clearly that my husband was emotionally abusive to me. The next day in your column (I read you in the Los Angeles Times), you shared an "update" from "Drained and Wondering," as well as the Domestic Violence hotline number. My mom shared this with me, and I called the number and spoke with a counselor.

Now, I finally understand why I didn't divorce him long ago, as many had encouraged. I am 50 years old, married for nearly 10 years, educated, financially secure, loved by friends and family, but they didn't understand, and I didn't understand until now.

I considered breaking up with him throughout our relationship but didn't know what was holding me back. I went to at least four counselors, and none of them suggested that I was being abused.

He was often sweet, cheerful and kind to my elderly parents. But he never got a job or a driver's license, and he is a binge drinker. For the first time, I am grateful that we weren't able to have children.

On Sunday when my eyes were finally opened, he spent hours intimidating and interrogating me.

He was yelling, playing loud music in my ear, giving ultimatums, making vulgar false and jealous accusations, and blocking the doorway when I tried to leave. He threatened to go live on the streets, trying to manipulate my kind heart to focus on him and take care of him at any price to myself.

Like the person who wrote to you, I called a friend when I snuck out of the house. Your column was like a God wink. I didn't think. I just called The Hotline.

The counselor gave me lots of information and asked me questions that helped me better understand the situation.

There are things for me to watch out for now, like his recent new jealousy, potential stalking and triangulating me and my parents. I still have work to do to get him out of my life. I am so grateful for your column and information. Thank you, thank you!

— M

Dear M: This "update" was inspiring, and so is yours!

I hope you will continue on your path, understanding that you still need help to stay safe as you leave this marriage.

Any person involved in an abusive or violent relationship can contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline for help. Go to Thehotline.org (or call 800-799-7233) for helpful information regarding the nature of abusive relationships, as well as resources, ways to protect yourself and how to safely exit. Available 24/7.

SUDOKU

			5		4			3
	2						7	
5		9						
	5		4		2			6
		3				2		
6			3				1	
1						3		8
	8						5	7
			9		6			

1	2	4	6	8	9	5	7	3
7	5	9	3	4	1	6	8	2
8	6	3	7	2	5	4	1	9
9	1	6	2	7	8	3	4	5
4	3	2	9	5	6	8	2	1
6	8	5	4	1	3	2	9	7
3	9	1	8	6	4	7	5	2
2	7	8	5	9	2	1	3	4
5	4	7	1	3	7	9	6	8

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Maintaining a good name is always a benefit in reaching your goals. If Your reputation is at stake, work to make a good showing. If you want to make a loved one happy buy them the best.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — take responsibility, follow through on goals and put daydreams aside for now. Remain grateful whenever help or assistance is offered but avoid becoming dependent on others to do it for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Someone may try and take advantage of your friendliness or influential connections. Your ability to communicate clearly or rationally can help you avoid tricky situations or politics.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you're dead set on getting your way you may end up going to extremes. A minor crisis of confidence may soon be resolved. it is in your best interests to remain polite and as diplomatic as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A desire to live an impossible dream could send you off in search of satisfaction. the person who works through their lunch hour or stays late to help clean up after a party can receive extra credit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Put your cards on the table; your dreams may seem far-fetched until you share them. This might not be the best time to invest your cash, but it can be a good enough time to share your feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — It may not be necessary to voice your criticism even if someone else is voicing theirs. strengthen bonds between yourself and other people by remaining diplomatic and accurate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your appetite for business or financial success may not yet be satisfied. Strict limitations could mean that finding a perfect win-win situation isn't possible. Focus on being dutiful right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Even your most clever plans don't bring a guarantee of fulfilling your dreams. You may be optimistic about making a profit but might clash with someone who has a different perspective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — have the stamina and strength to hang on long enough to grab the brass ring. Hard work, determination and resolve are rewarded, but a partner might feel that you are pushing too hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your most valiant efforts might not always be met with approval from those who fund ventures or ideas. Your fondest dreams can come true if you remain focused on homespun delights.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — follow the rules to the letter and color within the lines to make headway toward achieving your goals. Give everything your best, you can excel at upholding lofty ideals.

SUDOKU

	2						6	3
		9			5	1		
			7		2			
8			9		7			
		6				2		
			1					7
			6		1			9
		2	4			7		
4	1						3	

5	3	6	8	9	2	7	1	4
9	1	7	3	5	4	2	6	8
5	3	8	6	7	1	4	2	9
2	9	5	1	3	6	8	4	7
3	7	6	5	8	4	2	9	1
8	4	1	9	2	7	3	5	6
1	5	3	7	6	2	9	8	4
6	8	9	3	4	5	1	7	2
7	2	4	8	1	9	5	6	3

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — People with high expectations might not give you any wiggle room. Loved ones might expect you to play fair and do your duty. Try not to let a family squabble get under your skin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Do your best to abide by all of the rules and you can maintain everyone's good opinion. You might dream about making some useful changes, but for right now, stick to the program instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It might be time to be flexible. No one may mind if you change your mind after gentle persuasion. Show that you are open-minded and willing to put your trust in someone's good judgment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Family drama or emotional outbursts could make things challenging in the near future. A power struggle could hobble you or might stop you from visiting friends or loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may need more time to unwind from an intense workload. Relish every moment to stave off exhaustion. Loved ones can prove their loyalty if you need some reassurance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone close to you may be concerned about what to you are just picky details. Those details could make all the difference between being adequate or being excellent. be wise and listen up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Don't become discouraged if your fortune has not been made just yet; remain thankful for what comfort and security you have. Instead of hoping for luck, be proactive and build out your skill-set.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Spread optimism and uplifting messages even if your social activities are conducted in a more serious tone. enjoy relaxed good times once plans and possessions are organized for now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — There may have been plenty of distractions or detours, but you can find your own true north with a little effort. Avoid conflict by remaining steadfast to the ideals you began with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You could be in the right, but still could have a large blind spot. You may not realize that someone else is feeling left out or that you are the one controlling the narrative. Listen to other's ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Rather than focusing on getting what you want, put more focus on taking care of what you already have. Get your space ship-shape, file the crucial paperwork, or schedule important appointments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Exercise self-discipline and keep your feet firmly anchored to the ground. You may not agree with someone's financial plans but must accept that your opinion is not the only one that counts.

Mayo says 'everything under consideration' as new era begins for Patriots

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Jerod Mayo will be a first-time head coach, and the youngest in the NFL.

He'll also be following one of the winningest coaches in NFL history in Bill Belichick, who built the New England Patriots into one of the league's preeminent franchises.

And the former Patriots player and Belichick assistant is embracing all of it, promising first and foremost that the Patriots' new era would be led by someone who is very much his own man.

"I'm not trying to be Bill," Mayo said during his introductory news conference Wednesday. "I think that Bill is his own man. If you can't tell by now, I'm a little bit different even up here. But what I will say is the more I think about lessons I've taken from Bill, hard work works. Hard work works, and that's what we're all about."

Mayo's also not shying away from what it means to him to be the Patriots' first Black head coach in a league that had just three at the start of the 2023 season: Mike Tomlin (Pittsburgh), Todd Bowles (Tampa Bay) and DeMeco Ryans (Houston).

"You'd better believe being the first Black coach here in New England means a lot to me," Mayo said, adding later, "I do see color because I believe if you don't see color, you can't see racism."

While his hire is a milestone he acknowledges, it's one he showed he is comfortable carrying, subtly ribbing Patriots owner Robert Kraft after he inadvertently mispronounced the name of Mayo's brother, Shermont.

"It's all right. It's one of those Black names," Mayo joked, soliciting laughter throughout the room.

During a nearly 30-minute question and answer session, the 37-year-old exhibited all the attributes Kraft said stood out to him while watching Mayo the past 16 years — first for eight seasons as a player and the past five on New England's coaching staff.

Kraft first noticed his confidence when he met Mayo in 2008 shortly after the Patriots drafted him 10th overall out of Tennessee.

"I remember him immediately coming up to me and saying, 'Kraft and Mayo, they go together pretty well,' " Kraft said. "Sixteen years later, here we are."

Along the way Kraft observed Mayo — who refers to the 82-year-old Kraft as "Young Thunder Cat" — be chosen seven times as a captain by his Patriots teammates, win a Super Bowl ring in the 2014 season and then take a job in corporate America as an executive at Optum after retiring in 2015.

When Mayo returned to football in 2019 to serve as Belichick's linebackers coach, Kraft saw an even more skilled person who hadn't lost his ability to relate to players.

That same year Mayo accompanied Kraft on a trip to Israel and got to know him on an even more personal level. Kraft then made an internal prediction.

"I knew while observing him in Israel, he was the right person to be the next head coach of the New England Patriots," Kraft said. "I had that same conviction when I hired Bill Belichick, a decision that many questioned at the time, and told me I was making a major error."

Kraft is hoping his instincts prove to be right again.

But that will fall now on Mayo, who will be navigating a landscape in New England that will look much different from the one Belichick led for the better part of his 24-year tenure as both coach and de facto general manager.

A 4-13 finish this season has given the Patriots the third overall draft pick, the highest selection they've had since Kraft purchased the team in 1994.

They could use it to bolster an offense that finished near the bottom of the league in several categories. One of the biggest decisions of the offseason will be whether or not to move on from third-year quarterback Mac Jones, who had his least productive season. Jones was one of several players who listened to Mayo from the back of the room Wednesday.

Kraft said lots of voices will be involved in both the draft and the personnel decisions for now.

"In the short term, we're looking for collaboration," Kraft said. "We're going to let that evolve and develop, and before the key decisions have to be made, we will appoint someone. At the same time, we'll probably start doing interviews and looking at people from the outside."

Mayo has also started initial interviews for assistant coaching jobs, though he didn't have a timeline.

HAVE AN ACCIDENT?
PAINTLESS DENT REPAIR
• Laser Measuring System • Limited Lifetime Warranty
• Computerized Color Matching • Free Estimates
• Insurance Claims • Chromovision •
The Savings Place
CHANDLER CHEVROLET
chandlerchevroletusa.com
CHEVROLET Genuine GM Parts
(812) 273-4400
600 Clifty Drive
Madison, IN

Drive Sure 120 DAYS
WHAT IS THIS?
Nationwide Roadside Assistance
24-Hours a Day!
CONTACT THE SEVICE DEPARTMENT AT
The Savings Place
CHANDLER CHEVROLET
600 Clifty Drive
Madison, IN
812-273-4400
chandlerchevroletusa.com

WE SELL TIRES!!
We will beat any competitor's price for the same brand and size tires.
The Savings Place
CHANDLER CHEVROLET
600 Clifty Drive
Madison, IN
(812) 273-4400
CHEVROLET
chandlerchevroletusa.com
Certified Service

BUSINESSES & SERVICES Directory
Get Professional results and unbeatable value from these local specialists and professionals!
Call Michelle Lira at 812-265-3643 to place your ad.

BUILDING MATERIALS
MADISON METALS
We Manufacture
Premium Metal Roofing and Trim
• Delivery Available • Buy Factory Direct
• Next Day Service • Custom Trim Available
Call for Pricing
Scratch & Dent - 99¢ per linear foot
5854 N. U.S. Hwy. 421
Madison, IN • 812-273-5214

CONSTRUCTION
American Home Improvements
No job too small,
One call does it all
812.599.3542
artbyconstruction.com
Carpentry • Plumbing • Eletrical

CONSTRUCTION
B & Z CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION
"We lay it down right the first time."
Poured Basement Walls
Retaining Walls • Driveways
Sidewalks • Patios, etc.
30 years experience
Fully Insured (812) 701-4522
Free Estimates (812) 265-6042
Residential & Commercial BZCONCRETE@MSN.COM

CONSTRUCTION
Gosman Inc.
POST FRAME BUILDINGS
24x24x8 w/ 2 doors $7,995
24x40x8 w/ 2 doors $11,900
30x50x10 w/ 2 doors $17,500
Built on your lot • 40 yr. metal warranty
812-265-5290 www.gosmanbuildings.com

CONSTRUCTION
PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT AND YOUR FAMILY WITH QUALITY ROOF MAINTENANCE SERVICES FROM THE PROFESSIONALS.
Marcus Meadows
Insurance Relations Manager
INDIANA-KENTUCKY-OHIO
SANDUSKY CONSTRUCTION
INSURANCE ROOF SPECIALISTS
Make sure your roof maintenance, installation or repairs are being performed by a trusted and experienced professional. With many years of experience and a top-notch reputation in this community, we stand behind the quality and value of our work, so you don't have to worry.
(502) 663-1069
gsxr1000bill@yahoo.com

CONSTRUCTION
PETTIT Contracting LLC Roofing
PREFERRED CONTRACTOR
Roofing • Siding • Windows • Insulation
Decks • Remodeling
16 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Insured • Free Estimates
Residential • Commercial
Licensed and Fully Insured
in Business since 2000
Pettit Group Owner/Roofing Specialists
www.pettitcontracting.com
joe@pettitcontracting.com
812-265-7663 Debit/ATM Card Personal Check

FENCING
Double L Fencing
High Tensile, Woven
Barb & Board Fencing
Free Estimates
812-599-8827
Leon King

FENCING
ABC Fence
"A Better Choice"
• Privacy • ChainLink • Masonry • Pasture
• Split Rail • Brick • Ornamental • Porches & Decks
(812) 701-0502

FLOOR REPAIR
NEW HORIZONS TILE
Troy Bartosz, Owner
(812) 273-1645
• Ceramic, Marble and Granite Tile Installation
• Custom Built and Handicap Accessible Showers
• Back Splashes and Flooring
Free In-Home Estimates and Design Help
33 Years Experience
"Let me be weighed on honest scales, that God may know my integrity" Job 31:6

GUTTERS
Tired of Leaky or Clogged Gutters?
FIVE STAR GUTTERS
Micah Yoder
Seamless Aluminum Gutters
Installing Leaf Guard &
New & Replacement Gutters
Call 812-850-1963

LOCK SERVICE
LEE'S LOCK SERVICE, INC.
CERTIFIED • INSURED • LOCKSMITH
MON. thru FRI. 10am -5pm
RESIDENTIAL LOCKSETS REKEY PRICES:
IN SHOP RE-KEY STARTING AT $5.00
KWIKSET & SCHLAGE RESIDENTIAL
YELLOW BRASS KEYS – ONLY 99¢ EACH
112 E MAIN ST, MADISON
PH. 812-274-9381 CELL: 1-812-820-2655
MADISON leeslockserviceinc.com

PLUMBING
RJ Plumbing REPAIR & DRAIN CLEANING
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
FULLY INSURED
• Sewer & Drain Cleaning
• Bathroom Remodeling
• Water & Sewer Line Replacement
812.599.1650

FLOOR REPAIR
• Crawl Space Encapsulation
• Mold Prevention
• Humidity Control
• Drainage Systems
• Structural Repair
• Floor Supports
We are a small company offering big solutions!
Joshua Rose
Call or email for a free evaluation!
ROSE CRAWLSPACE SOLUTIONS
SOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHIER HOME
Indiana (812)599-5561
Kentucky (859)550-3333
jrose@crawlspacesolutions.com
Visit us at:
www.rosecrawlspacesolutions.com

ROOFING
B & R ROOFING & GENERAL CONTRACTING
• Decks
• Porches
• Garages
• Vinyl Siding
• Soffit
• Fascia
(812) 701-1705

ROOFING
Exterior Pro Roofing Inc.
COMMERCIAL ROOFING EXPERTS
• Flat Roofing
• Standing Seam Metal
• Asphalt Shingles
(812) 274-0444
www.ExteriorProInc.com
VISIT OUR SHOWROOM AT 2936 CLIFTY DR., MADISON, IN

DOES YOUR BUSINESS SERVE THE PEOPLE?
Tell us what you do!
Call Today!
812-265-3643
Let us do the work for you!